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## Root's Gas Exhauster for Blast Furnaces.

The blower and exhauster shown in the accompanying engraving, which is taken from *Engineering*, is calculated to displace 125 cubic feet of gas per revolution, and, when running at the ordinary speed of 130 revolutions per minute, will deliver 1,625,000 cubic feet per hour. The cover or casing is built up of wrought-iron plates, and is made of sufficient strength to resist the force of a gas explosion, while malleable iron relief valves are fixed upon each side of the machine. The end plates are 1½ inches thick, and are secured together with angle irons and tie bolts. The revolvers are constructed principally of wrought iron, and are mounted upon mild-steel shafts 8 inches in diameter in the body. These shafts run in long adjustable phosphor-bronze bearings of special construction, so that they are readily accessible, and can be adjusted instantly. The revolvers are geared at one end with strong flanged wheels, and are accurately balanced. The engine is mounted upon a massive bed-plate 15 inches deep, in which a steam cylinder 18 inches in diameter is fixed securely. The piston-rod is made hollow, of mild steel, and is secured to a cross-head built up of steel plates. To this cross-head are attached the two connecting-rods. The crank disks are balanced and fitted with steel crank pins. This apparatus is designed to draw the waste gases from the top of a blast furnace, and to force them into a condenser in connection with the McCosh and Angus process for the recovery of by-products. One set is being fixed at Gartsherrie and the other at Muirkirk, and their working is expected to aid in demonstrating the practicability and economy of the process. It may be well to here state that these machines have been constructed according to Messrs. Thwaites Brothers' (England) latest patent, the result of 20 years' experience in this class of machinery.

## A Proposed Method to Reduce the Consumption of Fuel in Blast Furnaces.

BY P. H. BROWN.

The metallurgy of iron is at present certainly one of the most wasteful of all chemical operations. Even under the most favorable circumstances more than one-half of the calorific value of the fuel is lost in the furnace proper. It is very true we drive our engines and heat our blast with the escaping gases, but if we had more perfect chemical reactions taking place in the furnace, the quantity of coal would be much diminished; hence our engines could be made much smaller, as the amount of blast necessary would diminish in a corresponding ratio to the amount of coal consumed. No chemical operation is so largely practiced as the extraction of iron from its ores, and yet there is no branch of industry for which science for many years past has done so little. That gigantic piece of apparatus, "the blast furnace," certainly deserves a more careful scientific investigation than has ever yet been given it. There is one question, a satisfactory answer to which will probably serve to throw much light on the chemistry of the blast furnace, and may result in some radical changes in our present ideas as to how a blast furnace should be worked. The question alluded to is, To what shall we attribute the advantages of charcoal over other forms of fuel in the furnace?

It is an undeniable fact that a given weight of carbon in the form of charcoal will produce more iron than the same weight of carbon in any other form. This apparent anomaly has been theorized upon to a very great extent. The hypotheses presented are of two general kinds, as they come to us from scientific or from "practical" men. The theory of the scientific class is based upon the chemical reactions that are known to take place in the furnace. They hold that this superiority of charcoal is due to its quick and thorough reduction of  $\text{CO}_2$  to  $\text{CO}$ . Practical men, on the other hand, seem unanimous in thinking that the high consumption of the more dense fuels has some dependence upon their slower rate of combustion. These theories may both be correct, but it can certainly be remarked that they are very general and need some modification in order to be readily comprehended. The theory of scientific men, as stated above, is also often brought forward to account for the high fuel consumption when using the more dense fuels. The theory can hardly hold in the two cases. The theory of the practical men, on the other hand, seems somewhat at fault, for if we had a form of carbon in front of the tuyers that united very readily with the oxygen of the blast, the other conditions remaining the same, I think it more than likely our ore would be melted down before it was perfectly reduced, and the cinder would then carry off a considerable quantity of iron.

Two experiments performed by Mr. Bell throw so much light on the actual condition of things in the reduction zones of blast furnaces that I will give his figures: Exp. I.—20 grains of calcined Austrian spathic ore mixed with 7 grains of powdered charcoal were exposed for 50 minutes, at a bright red heat, to a current of 64 vols. of  $\text{CO}$  and 36 vols. of  $\text{CO}_2$ , about 3 liters of the gas being passed over in the time.

The charcoal lost 1.54 grains = 22.0 % of C.  
The ore lost 2.316 grains = 46.2 % of O.

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100 vols.	35.7	64.3	10 minutes
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Exp. II.—20 grains of calcined Cleveland ore, mixed with 8 grains of coke, were treated in the way just described.

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In the first stage of experiments I and II we see that the ore has had a much stronger oxidizing effect upon the gases than the charcoal or coke has had reducing effect, but from this stage on the charcoal and coke show a stronger reducing effect upon the gases than the ore an oxidizing effect.

MM. Debray and Bell have shown by numerous experiments that ferric oxide

reduction of the ore until a very hot point in the furnace is reached.

The composition of the furnace gases at a very considerable depth shows that they are incapable of perfectly reducing ferrous oxide ( $\text{FeO}$ ), and as the coke at this point has not a sufficiently high temperature to assist in the reduction, the ore must necessarily pass down in the furnace until a point is reached where the coke has the requisite temperature for the rapid conversion of  $\text{CO}_2$  into  $\text{CO}$ .

If the existence of a dormant stage in the furnace is admitted, the reason for the superiority of charcoal over other forms of fuel at once becomes apparent. In experiment (I) it will be seen that the reduction proceeded much further than in the coke experiment, and this can be due solely to the greater power of charcoal than the more dense fuels to convert  $\text{CO}_2$  into  $\text{CO}$  at low temperatures. Hence the dormant stage through which the ore passes in the charcoal furnace must be of very short duration.

The superiority of charcoal then must depend upon its greater power to cause this reaction than other forms of carbon, and by this reaction it has diminished the time between the two steps in the reduction of the

stage in the furnace. I must admit, however, that I have considerable hesitation in advancing this idea, as I am well aware that it is rather at variance with the ideas held by many at the present time in regard to the economical running of blast furnaces. It is generally believed that the high carbon consumption of our furnaces is due to the reaction,  $\text{CO}_2 + \text{C} = 2\text{CO}$ , taking place and carrying a large percentage of carbon out of the furnace as  $\text{CO}$ . To obviate this, the great majority of blast-furnace managers try to select a fuel that will resist this reaction as far as possible, and yet they admit that charcoal works more economically in a furnace than any other kind of fuel. At the same time, no one can question the fact that charcoal converts  $\text{CO}_2$  into  $\text{CO}$  far more readily than the more dense fuels. Now, what I propose is to give the fuels of the blast furnace the greatest possible energy for a rapid conversion of  $\text{CO}_2$  into  $\text{CO}$  after a certain stage in the furnace is reached, and the simplest way to effect this is to increase the temperature of the fuel.

If a blast of air were introduced in the furnace at a point just below the point where the greater part of the ore has been

$\text{CO} = \text{Fe} + \text{Co}$ . This  $\text{CO}_2$ , coming in contact with carbon at a very high temperature, will immediately be reduced to  $\text{CO}$ , and as this reaction is attended by absorption of heat, we should exclude  $\text{CO}_2$  as far as possible from the neighborhood of the zone of fusion.

From the successful operations of Ferrie's self-coking furnace in Scotland (although it did prove a failure in this country), which is in principle nearly allied to my proposed amendment in the blast furnace, there is reason to believe that experiment will establish the correctness of the theory here advanced. In Ferrie's furnace the coke is rendered more energetic in its reduction of  $\text{CO}_2$  at an early stage in the furnace, and the result has been to increase the production of iron and diminish the consumption of fuel.

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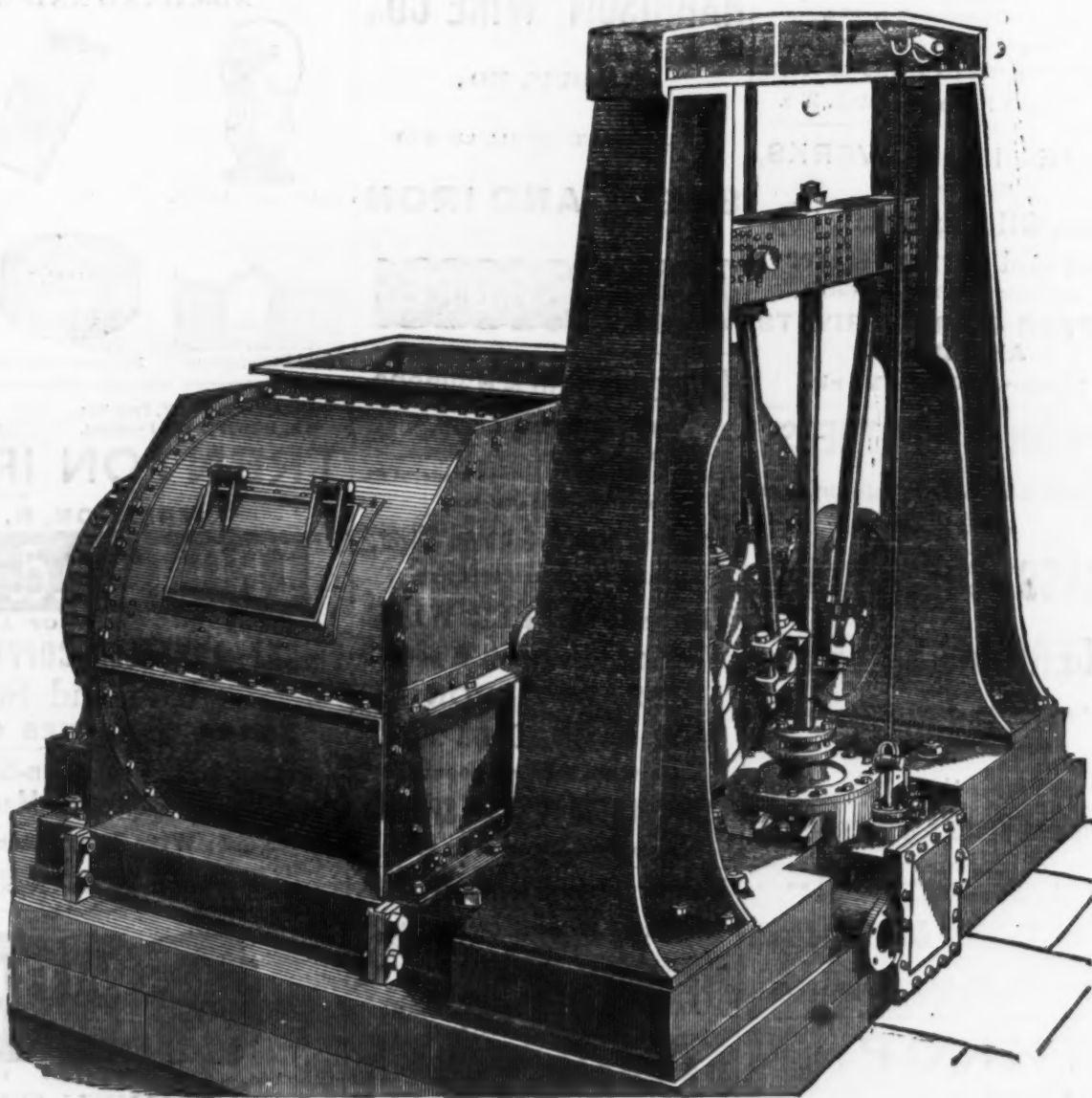
## Wages in Massachusetts.

At a time when considerable discussion has been aroused by Mr. Porter's letters in regard to the wages and condition of laborers in England, an important contribution to the discussion, and to economic science generally, comes in the annual report of the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics and Labor. The report deals with the industries of Massachusetts alone, but gives the actual wages paid and hours of labor in each occupation for 2440 establishments and 207,793 persons employed. It will be noticed at first with regret that the report does not specially distinguish the number and wages of the men, the women or the children employed, and its statistics are therefore liable to create a false impression unless intelligently read in connection with some knowledge of the proportions of workers of the different kinds employed in the different branches of industry.

Out of the 207,793 persons employed, almost 60,000 were in cotton mills, and over 25,000 in woolen and worsted mills, 37,000 in boot and shoe establishments, over 18,000 in metal and metallic goods establishments, and over 11,000 in machine and machinery works. The workers in the latter concerns are mainly men and boys, and their wages average daily \$1.61 for machine works and \$1.45 for metal establishments. But the employees in cotton mills are mainly women and girls, and their wages average only 85 cents daily, the worsted mills 94 cents daily, and the woolen mills \$1.04 daily. These are the extremes among the branches employing large numbers of persons, but the employees in printing and publishing establishments, being nearly all males and mostly adults, average \$1.77 daily for 5227 persons, and the makers of musical instruments average \$1.95 daily for 2821 persons. The building establishments average \$1.69 daily for 5645 persons, and the carriage and wagon makers \$1.68 daily for 1962 persons. The boot and shoe concerns pay an average of \$1.41 daily to a large number of persons of both sexes and all ages, the "food preparations" establishments pay \$1.58 daily to 2901 persons, the furniture concerns \$1.56 daily to 3133 persons, the leather works \$1.50 daily to 6703 persons, and the stone works \$1.47 daily to 1370 persons.

When it is considered that a very large number of these employees are boys and girls, and not much less than a third of the whole are women—31,496 in cotton mills alone, according to the census, and 8210 in woolen, 3340 in worsted mills and 13,374 in boot and shoe establishments—it will be seen that the average wages for a family must be much higher than at first glance would be supposed. If the head of the family earns wages as a skilled mechanic, which range from \$2 to \$2.50 and upward in nearly all trades, or even as an ordinary laborer from \$1 to \$1.50 and upward, while the wife or one or two children also earn smaller wages in other employments, the income of the family will contrast very sharply with that of English families in similar employment. Then, too, there are good workers and poor in every occupation, and the general average includes the worst with the best. Where there are some who do exceptionally well, and make good wages by working by the piece, there are always many more who fall below the average and drag it down. Especially is this the case in a State like Massachusetts, where a large share of the workers in cities and towns are of foreign birth, and not many have the higher intelligence which free schools offer to most of the working people born in this country.

The value of time in all matters pertaining to writing and telegraphing is becoming daily of greater value, and in certain circles a great deal of attention has been paid to reducing the amount of labor necessary to send or write a given message, and consequently reduce its time. The stenographic idea has been applied to a very considerable extent in telegraphing, and contractions and various short-hand symbols, if the term may be permitted, have been used. By the use of abbreviations of this form in telegraphy, an otherwise impossible speed has been attained. It is recorded by one of the electrical papers that J. W. Cook sent from Washington to Cincinnati in five hours and five minutes a speech of Mr. Conkling's consisting of 20,000 words, which took more than four hours in delivery. The average was 4000 words per hour. This time has been beaten by Walter L. Prentice, who has sent 4600, and by E. N. Bassett, who sent 21,000 words in 4 hours and 40 minutes.



ROOT'S BLOWER FOR EXHAUSTING GAS FROM BLAST FURNACES.

( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) can very readily be reduced to ferrous oxide ( $\text{FeO}$ ) by a mixture of equal volumes of  $\text{CO}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$ , but after this oxide is reached all further reduction stops. Moreover, when this mixture of gases is passed over metallic iron at a strong red heat ferrous oxide ( $\text{FeO}$ ) is the result. Thus we see that while  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  parts with an atom of its oxygen very easily, with the formation of  $\text{FeO}$ , the ferrous oxide holds its oxygen much more tenaciously. These experiments have further shown that even a small quantity of  $\text{CO}_2$  will deteriorate very markedly the reducing power of  $\text{CO}$ .

From these facts I think we are justified in dividing the reducing zones of the blast furnace into three stages. The first stage will be near the top of the furnace, where the greater part of the ore will be reduced to the ferrous oxide ( $\text{FeO}$ ). The second stage will begin at a point just below where the ore is reduced to the ferrous oxide, and its continuation downward will vary with circumstances, but while the ore is passing through it no further reduction will take place. This stage we will call dormant. The third stage will not be far from the zone of fusion, and here the reduction of the ferrous oxide ( $\text{FeO}$ ) to metallic iron will take place.

Experiments I and II alone would suggest the existence of a dormant stage in the furnace. For in the experiment with coke it will be seen that it was sluggish in its action upon  $\text{CO}_2$ , and certainly would have been more so had the gases been largely diluted with nitrogen, as they are in the furnace. We learn also from this experiment that coke aids the gases very little in effecting the

ore—that is to say, the time that intervenes after the ore takes the ferrous state until it is finally reduced to metallic iron. I do not wish to convey the idea that there are distinct zones in the furnace where the different oxides are reduced; but as soon as the ore enters the furnace we have all the necessary conditions for its rapid reduction to the ferrous oxide ( $\text{FeO}$ ). The temperature is sufficiently high, and the gases contain even a larger percentage of  $\text{CO}$  than is necessary for this reduction. But we do not have the conditions for the perfect reduction of  $\text{FeO}$  into metallic iron in furnaces using coke and coal until the fusing point is attained. Of course, the greater part of the ferrous oxide will be reduced before this point is reached, as there is a very small percentage of  $\text{CO}_2$  present at this point in the furnace. At a depth of 52 feet from the tunnel-head of a coke furnace 80 ft. high, Mr. Bell found, however, that the calcined Cleveland ore exposed two hours only lost 81.0 per cent. of its oxygen, the amount of  $\text{CO}_2$  at this point being very small. More or less metallic iron would certainly be formed at this depth in the furnace, but we would have no guarantee that this iron would reach the fusion zone without being alternately oxidized and reduced an infinite number of times. Thus we see that while the first step in the reduction of the ore is a perfect one, the second is very far from being so. The large consumption of fuel in the blast furnace is undoubtedly principally due to the imperfect way in which the ferrous oxide ( $\text{FeO}$ ) is reduced.

There appears to me to be a way by which we may at least partially avoid the dormant

reduced to the ferrous state, and the quantity of this blast so regulated as to give the carbon present the requisite temperature for the rapid conversion of  $\text{CO}_2$  into  $\text{CO}$  without allowing the temperature to become so high as to produce cinder, a two-fold advantage would be gained. In the first place, time would be saved, the dormant stage would now become active, and the metallic iron once produced would stand a much better chance of reaching the fusion zone without undergoing alternate oxidations and reductions. The second advantage would be a smaller consumption of fuel. During the second stage of reduction in the blast furnace an enormous volume of  $\text{CO}$  passes over the ore while it is making its descent through the greater body of furnace, and is unable to effect perfect reduction of the ore on account of the presence of a small quantity of  $\text{CO}_2$ . If we could destroy this  $\text{CO}_2$ , the ore would reach the fusion zone perfectly reduced, or nearly so, and the whole charge, moreover, would be more strongly heated when arriving at this point; hence fusion would take place more rapidly and with a smaller consumption of fuel.

The fusion zone is certainly the most critical point in the blast furnace, as it is here that the grade of iron is determined. In Vol. V, page 342, of the *Transactions of the American Institute of Mining Engineers*, Mr. Howe states that "the fall of temperature in the hearth is mainly or almost wholly due to the ores remaining too short a time in the reduction zone," for, should the ore reach the fusion zone not perfectly reduced, a greater or less quantity of  $\text{CO}_2$  must be formed, as shown by the equation  $\text{FeO} +$



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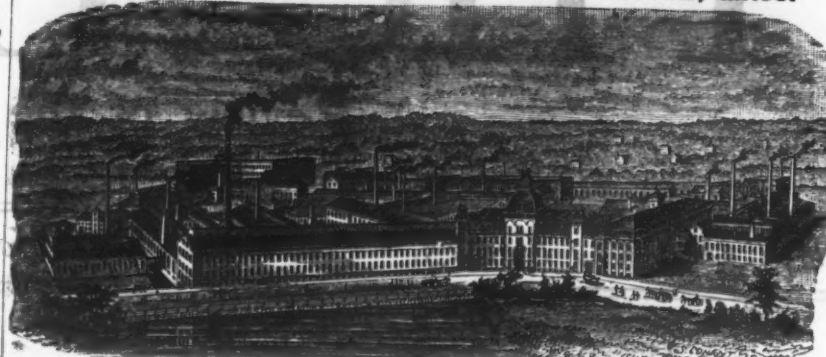
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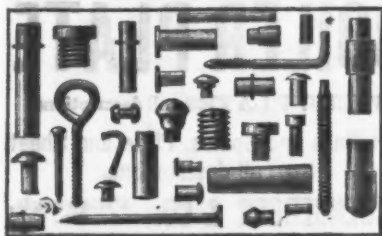
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BY COL. S. M. WICKERSHAM.

In order to have a proper conception of the construction of 38 years ago, in which time more than a generation of men have come and gone, it might be well to look into the then existing state of affairs bearing on the subject, and try to understand the difficulties which the engineer had to encounter, considered in respect to the resources at his command with which to meet them. At that time work in the shop was done principally by hand. The slide-rest was a novelty, and the straight-edge and steady eye and hand turned out the piston-rod. Screws were still cut in the lathe by hand. The whip-saw was used to cut the floor beams of the aqueduct in 1844. The trip-hammer was still doing its noisy work, afterward so effectually silenced by the squeezer. The canal-boat controlled the freight traffic between West and East, and steel was almost among the precious metals. But it would occupy too much time to go into this interesting part of the sub-tention to a simple narrative of events pre-ject. I will therefore ask your kind at-tending and leading to the construction of the Monongahela Bridge, and to an account of the method pursued in its building. I much regret being disappointed in obtaining some drawings which would have added in-terest to the description, so we must do with-out them.

Up to the beginning of 1845 the bridges throughout this country were built of wood, wood and iron combined, or of stone, a few of chain—all generally of short spans, wood being the principal material used. The bridges were generally for highways, for foot and wagon traffic. Although about 15 years had passed since the introduction of rail-roads, they had as yet not been extended very far. It was in 1845 that a company was formed to build a railroad from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh. It was in 1845 that a company was formed to build a telegraph line from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. Here commenced the era of railroads, which from its neces-sities produced the present era of iron and steel bridges.

At Philadelphia, Pa., a wire suspension bridge had been erected, spanning the Schuylkill River, at Fairmount, at the ex-pense of the county, by Chas. Ellet, Jr., C. E., who furnished the plan and contracted for the work at \$50,000. The abutments and columns were of granite, the distance between abutments 343 feet, between the supporting rollers on the top of the columns 357 feet, and width of floor and foot-way, 27 feet. The wire was laid in 10 cables, five on each side of the bridge—each cable ex-tending from anchorage to anchorage over the top of the columns, and were fastened at the ends around numerous stout iron bars transversely embedded in the solid rock or in an immense body of masonry—this formed the anchorage.

Each cable was composed of 260 No. 10 wires, forming a strand  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches in diam-eter, weighing each 4 tons, and each being 650 feet in length. They were wrapped at short intervals with bands of wire. The cables laid in a horizontal plane; across the five cables iron bars were laid, to which were attached the suspending rods, which were composed of small wires aggregating an inch in area, which, hanging vertically, as did also the cables, were attached to the beams that supported the floor. This bridge was opened for travel in the spring of 1842. It was erected on the site of the wooden bridge built in 1818 by Lewis Wernwag, which was well known as being the longest single span wooden bridge in the world—343 feet between the abutments. It had suc-cumbed to fire, the almost universal fate of wooden bridges. There was no element of stiffness in the Fairmount Suspension Bridge, and it was subject to great vibrations. It was very graceful and pretty to the eye, but very unsteady to the feet.

This method of construction had been se-verely criticised by Mr. John A. Roebling, and a controversy had arisen between these distinguished engineers, Mr. Roebling main-taining that suspension bridges could be built possessing elements of stiffness and rigidity; that by laying the wires in cables of larger diameters, the stiffness of a solid bar could be obtained. Mr. Ellet held it to be impracti-cable to combine the wires into a cable of large diameter so that each wire would bear its proper share of the burden, and that therefore the wires must be laid in cables of small diameter, adding to their number as additional strength was required. So the con-test rested until 1844, when Mr. Roebling contracted with the city of Pittsburgh to re-build the aqueduct across the Allegheny River, connecting the Pennsylvania Canal with the basins within the city, which en-abled him to introduce the plan of suspension bridges he had so contended for. There were seven spans in this work; there were two continuous cables made of No. 10 wire, B. G., each 1175 feet in length from anchorage to anchorage, 7 inches in diameter, formed of 1900 wires each, gathered into a round cable, and tightly and closely wrapped throughout with No. 14 annealed wire. The cable passed over stone pyramids on each pier and on the abutments, resting there on rollers. The suspension rods, passing over the cables, descended between the floor beams, which were put up in pairs, and block and washer below. The trunk was so made of two courses of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch plank crossing each other diagonally and held together by the side post and framing, as to be self-sustaining, so that the cable had really only to carry the weight of the water within it. The total weight of water in each of the seven spans when the canal was full was 295 tons; weight of one span, including all, 420 tons; average ultimate strength of each wire, 1100 pounds; tension of one wire, 266 pounds. Thus for the first time did Mr. Roebling introduce his system. But it was objected that the load in the aqueduct might be considered as con-stant, and the excess of strength was so great that many inequalities might exist and not become manifest for a long time, owing to the entire absence of vibration, and there-fore it was not a solution of the point at issue.

The work on the aqueduct was drawing to a close; it was opened for navigation on May 22. When, on April 10, 1845, the bridge over the Monongahela River, at the foot of Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, which had been erected in 1818 by J. H. Johnson, after designs of Lewis Wernwag, was destroyed in the fire which, on that day, swept over the city, leaving 40 acres of ruins where in the morning had stood the principal portion of Pittsburgh's business houses, the blow was stunning, and for a time it seemed that it would be fatal to our prosperity. But soon the native energy asserted itself and the work of restoration commenced. The bridge company felt the necessity of re-establishing communication with the South Side, but were in no condition to incur any heavy expense. Every one seemed to be ruined, and it was questionable whether the needed funds could be raised; the cost of erecting the bridge was an important con-sideration. Mr. Roebling seized the occasion to make and offer a plan and estimate for a wire suspension bridge, in which the abut-ments and seven dilapidated piers of the burnt bridge could be utilized, and having all the mechanical appliances required in the execution of the work, together with the skilled and unskilled workmen still with him at the aqueduct, determined not to miss the opportunity of introducing his distinctive method of construction to the world; he, therefore, made his estimates at a figure just sufficient to cover actual cost, leaving to future works his proper remuneration, and in this the near future richly proved his wis-dom. The offer of construction was so low that the bridge company accepted it, and 20 days after the destruction of the old bridge, namely, on May 1, work of preparing for the new was commenced. The abut-ments and piers of the old bridge had been greatly damaged by fire; the injured por-tions were taken down, and they were thor-oughly grouted before the new masonry was laid.

The piers were 50 feet in length at bottom, 36 feet high, 11 feet wide at top, battering 1 inch to the foot. Two bodies of substantial cut stone masonry, measuring 9 feet square and 3 feet high, were erected on each pier at a distance of 18 feet apart. On these the bed-plates were laid down for the support of the cast-iron towers, to which the cables were suspended by means of pendulums, each span being supported by two separate cables, there being in the whole bridge 16 cables. Anchor rods for the towers were properly placed and walled in the masonry; anchor pits were dug within the abutments to a proper depth, a plank box made and placed on the bottom filled with cement grout; then the anchor plates, with the first links, were let down into the cement, a floor of double planking laid on top of the plates and the masonry commenced and carried up, the spaces around the links being grouted with cement as the work progressed. On the curve the knuckles rested on cut stone; thus all the links composing the anchor chains were built solidly in the mass of stone until they reached the surface. Emerging from the masonry they extended a distance of 45 feet to the top of the towers on the abutment, where they were attached to the pendulums and formed the connection with the cables. They were carried up from the anchor plates on such a line as to throw the strain which they were to resist inside the foot of the abutments, insuring the stability of the structure, so far as the ends were con-cerned.

The towers were composed of four columns connected by four lattice panels secured by screw bolts. The panels up and down stream closed the whole side of the tower, but those in the direction of the bridge formed an open doorway, which served for the continuation of sidewalks from one span to another. On top of the columns a massive casting rested which supported the pendulums to which the cables were attached; the upper pin of the pendulums laid in a seat which was formed by the sides and ribs of a square box occu-pying the center of the casting. For the pur-pose of throwing the whole pressure upon the four columns underneath, 12 segments of arches butted against the center box and rested with the other end upon the four corners. The pendulums were composed of four solid bars of 2 feet 6 inches from center to center of pin, 4 x 1 inches with heads of 8 inches diameter, and pin holes 3 inches diameter. To the lower pin the cable of one span was attached directly, and the connection formed with the next cable by means of four links of 3 feet 6 inches long and 4 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches section. I may here quote the language of Washington A. Roebling, the distinguished son of John A. Roebling, "that the peculiar features of this bridge were the pendulums, as by means of these any concentrated load upon one span was distributed over all the others, from anchorage to anchorage. By means of these it became possible to use the small towers which were built upon the narrow piers of the old bridge."

While adopting the pendulums for this bridge, Mr. John A. Roebling did not recom-mend their general use. In consequence of this pendulum system, several times during the existence of the bridge our river men were enabled to pass under with their boats, whereas without it they would have had to await the fall of the river. In cases where they lacked up to 9 inches of headway in the channel span, they would have all wagons stopped in the two contiguous spans, thereby depressing them and raising the channel span so as to let them through, and this was often of great importance to them.\* Before the completion of the piers and abut-ments an earnest effort was made by Mr. Roebling to be allowed to raise the level of the bridge 10 feet—the expense of which was estimated at \$10,000—but without avail. Quite a bitter controversy arose on the sub-ject. The up-river interests called for its raising. Here it was urged that giving a greater headway over the channel might en-able boats to ascend direct to Brownsville, making Pittsburgh but a way station between the West and the East. In those days Brownsville was the point where the Na-tional Road—one of the main arteries of Western travel—struck the Western waters; from thence handsome packets brought the traveler to Pittsburgh, and this travel formed

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ers, and the general feeling was averse to  
doing anything that might impair this ad-  
vantage and move the head of navigation to  
Brownsville. In June, 1845, the Brownsville  
Herald charged the Hon. Wm. Wilkens, then  
president of the Bridge Co., as successfully  
opposing the rebuilding of the bridge at an  
increased height on the ground that it would  
let boats pass up to Brownsville, to the injury  
of Pittsburgh. Mr. Neville B. Craig, then  
the able editor of the Pittsburgh Gazette, in  
reply said that he doubted the correctness  
of the report, and denied that the rebuilding  
of the bridge at the old grade or a higher  
one would have any effect on the business of  
Pittsburgh, adding: "This is sheer folly.  
Pittsburgh, from her size and wealth, her  
geographical position, her situation at the  
terminus of the Pennsylvania Canal, and as  
the converging point of roads and trade and  
means of intercourse with a wide extent of  
country, is eminently a point for commo-  
dity and closing voyages. In this respect no  
other place on the Western waters equals her,  
except St. Louis and New Orleans. How  
preposterous, then, to suppose that the raising  
or lowering of a bridge is going to affect her  
trade. We would be glad to see the bridge  
raised to give our Brownsville neighbors the  
fullest opportunity of rivaling Pittsburgh." Again,  
on the 26th of June, Mr. Craig ex-  
pressed the wish that the bridge might be  
raised to the level of Smithfield street. But  
the reason given for not raising the height of  
the bridge, and which we may receive as the  
correct one, was the low condition of the  
finances, the existing gloomy state of affairs  
generally, and the fear of getting into  
trouble by saddling themselves with an  
additional debt of \$10,000—at that time,  
all circumstances considered, a fearful  
amount. The construction of the bridge  
was therefore continued on the original plan  
without alteration.

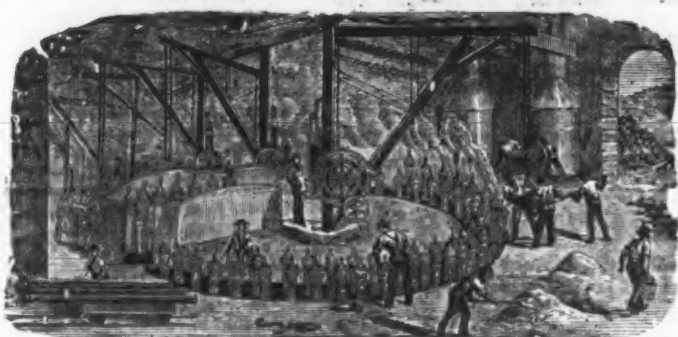
While the work was progressing on the  
abutments and piers, the wire for the cables  
was being made. There were at that time  
but two wire factories existing west of  
the mountains—Townsend & Co., at New  
Brighton, Pa., which establishment is still  
in existence and noted for the excellent  
quality of its product, and the Pittsburgh  
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works were swept out of existence by fire in  
1850 and never rebuilt. To these two works  
was given the contract to make the wire for  
the cables, and about equal quantities were  
made by each. The greater portion of the  
iron used in the manufacture of the wire  
was made and rolled into 1/4-inch rods by  
Lyon, Shorb & Co., of Sligo Iron Works,  
and it is well to mention here, as showing  
the advance in 35 years in the manufacture  
of iron, that the rods then furnished gen-  
erally weighed but 8 1/2 lbs., though some  
were rolled of 11 lbs. weight, and when they  
came from the rolls were so chilled as often  
to be blue, and always requiring to be an-  
nealed before giving them the first break-  
down, and then a second annealing and  
scouring before finishing to No. 10 for the  
cable. The wire was finished hard and  
bright. Now it is possible to have rods of  
steel of 100 lbs. weight, and finished so soft  
as to admit of being drawn into wire of same  
number, with the proper hardness, ducti-  
lity and strength, with but one annealing.  
The wire for wrapping the cable was drawn  
to No. 14 and finished by annealing. The  
anchor and pendulum bars were made by  
W. H. Everson himself in a small forge, con-  
sisting of a not very heavy helve hammer  
and heating furnace, where he could be daily  
seen with his leathern apron, handling the  
tongs, a prototype of Pat. Lyon, at the very  
spot on which now stands one of the great  
iron works of Pittsburgh, and at the head of  
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the material used in the structure was closely  
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the means then at hand—for well he knew  
that in so light a structure quality became of  
the greatest importance, and so far as he  
could do so, he allowed nothing else to enter  
into it. Each wire was tested to 1200 pounds  
tensile strength; it was also held in a vise or  
in the pincers and bent to a right angle, then  
bent over to the same angle in the opposite  
direction, then straightened up; if it stood  
this without fracture it was received; if not,  
it was rejected. At this time the ground on  
the South Side above the bridge site was in  
open fields; there the workshops were  
erected and the cables made. Two platforms  
were built of a height equal to the required  
deflection, at a distance apart equal to the  
length of the cables; an iron pin fixed on  
each platform on which a cast-iron shoe  
was placed; a guide wire was stretched  
from pin to pin, giving the exact length and  
deflection of the cable. The cables  
were formed from a continuous wire; the  
short wires composing it being connected  
by tapering the ends for about 3 inches  
with a file, placing the scarfed sides to-  
gether and wrapping the joint with a fine  
annealed wire; the wire was then taken  
from the reel and the bight carried by a  
wheel from one pin to the other. By means  
of a hand windlass and a pair of pliers to  
clutch it, each wire was drawn up to cor-  
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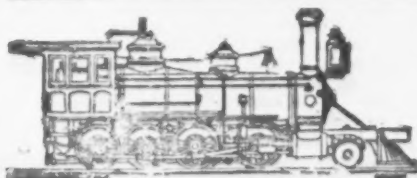
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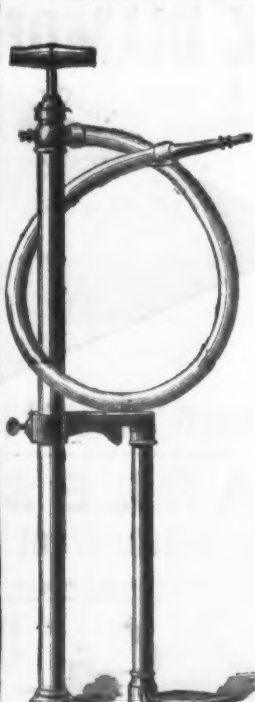
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The towers being well guyed to avoid pulling them over while the cables were being hoisted to their places, blocks were attached to their tops and the cables raised and connected to the pendulums. This part of the work was commenced in the second or third span from the Pittsburgh side, hanging both cables and working both ways until all were in position. Then commenced the laying of the floor beams; these were of white pine, 31 feet long, 4 1/2 x 15 inches; they were placed in pairs at a distance apart of 4 feet. The suspension rods, made of 1 1/2-inch round charcoal iron, were attached to clamps which embraced the cables, and then passed between the floor timbers and through a bearing block and cast-iron washer below. In hanging the beams, care was taken that the spans should not be loaded too heavily at one place, so when seven or eight were hung on one side the span, the same number would be put on the other side, and thus alternately placing them would finish each span in the center. The floor was double, the first laid lengthwise of the bridge, the second across; the roadway was 20 feet in width, separated from the sidewalks by fender rails. The sidewalks were each 5 feet in width, elevated a few inches above the roadway, and were outside the cables. The total width between the railings was 32 feet. The railing was an open lattice of sufficient depth to be self-sustaining, and was one element in giving stiffness to the bridge. A curious circumstance, and worthy of record, occurred at several times to this railing. It was finished with a broad cap-piece running lengthwise of the bridge, covering and concealing the ends of the plank forming the lattice-work. Owing to the vibrations of the bridge this cap-piece would work somewhat loose and take a sliding motion, and several times the friction thus caused set the rail on fire. The movement was of slight extent, but so rapid as to produce this effect. The opposite cables, as well as the pendulums, were inclined toward each other, the distance apart being 27 feet at the top of the towers and 22 feet at the center of the spans. The pendulums on the abutment occupied a vertical position. The floor was further supported by a number of stays, made of 1 1/2-inch round charcoal iron, extending from the tops of the towers to the beams below for a considerable distance on each side of the piers. Timber supports also extended a short distance from each pier and each abutment; a wooden beam extended across the bridge from top to top of the towers, for the purpose of resisting the side tension of the cables. As stated, the tearing down the portions of the old abutments and piers which had been injured by the fire was commenced on May 1, 1845. The new work was begun in June, and continued without intermission through the summer and fall and following winter, a great portion of the work having to be done in the cold weather of the winter.

The bridge was thrown open to travel in February, 1846, eight months after its building began and nine months after the contract for its erection was signed, but it had been used once before. On the night of December 31st, 1845, the ice in the Monongahela River broke up, owing to a sudden rise. At noon of January 1st, 1846, to relieve the great inconvenience, the first floor having been just laid, the passage of wagons was allowed for one hour, and with great trepidation did the worthy treasurer of the company, Mr. John Thaw, walk to and fro until the whole stream of market wagons and other vehicles, occupying at times the entire length of the bridge, as many as seven teams being on one span at one time, had passed safely over. The whole cost of the bridge was \$55,000.

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Length of bridge between abutments, feet.....	1,500
Number of spans.....	8
Length of each span, feet.....	188
Deflection of cables, feet.....	14
Number of cables.....	8
Number of sections of cables.....	16
Diameter of cables, inches.....	4 1/2
Number of wires in each cable.....	750
Weight per foot of each cable, pounds.....	70
Weight of cables and mapping, pounds.....	119,000
Length of the 16 cables, feet.....	3,016
Ultimate strength of the 2 cables.....	860
Aggregate weight of one span, so far as supported by the cable, with 100 head of cattle on it, tons.....	120
Tension of cable produced by dead load of bridge and 100 head of cattle on one span, tons.....	194
Weight of 100 head of cattle on one span, tons.....	40

Tension resulting from it when at rest, tons.....	70
Weight of four 6-horse teams loaded with 100 bushels of coal each, tons.....	28
Tension resulting from it when at rest, tons.....	40
Weight of superstructure of one span so far as supported by cables, tons.....	70
Tension of cables resulting from it, tons.....	122
Section of anchor chains and connecting links, inches.....	36
Section of pendulums, inches.....	28

### American Lumber Fields.

The St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press, in speaking of the lumber wealth of the country, submits the following interesting and suggestive remarks:

The aggregate results of the logging operations in the Minnesota and Wisconsin woods reveal the stupendous magnitude of the Northwestern lumber interest in a light which will probably astonish persons most familiar with the subject. The total cut of the two States exceeds 4,000,000,000 feet. The mind will be better able to grasp this unwieldy number when it is understood that it represents the trees growing on 1250 square miles, or about 35 townships, of land. In the classification of districts the great Chippewa Valley region of Wisconsin is easily first, with 1,000,000,000 feet on the Chippewa, Eau Claire and their tributaries. The Mississippi above Minneapolis comes next, with nearly 600,000,000 feet. The Wisconsin River returns 441,000,000, the Duluth district 297,000,000, and the Black River 228,000,000. The streams on the west shore of Lake Michigan, grouped together for convenience, show a cut of 785,000,000 feet. On the different railroads in Wisconsin and Minnesota between 500,000,000 and 600,000,000 feet were cut. The cut is by far the greatest in the Northwest.

There is a great truth to which this enormous growth in the logging interest in the Northwest points. The swift and surprising development of the country west of the Mississippi River has created a greater revolution in the lumber business than in any other interest that supplies its varied demands. Within the last few years the enormous demand from the West has revolutionized the lumber trade in its sources, its methods, its channels and its markets. This year's investigation reveals clearly the fact, more vaguely understood before, that the destination of nearly all the lumber cut in Wisconsin and Minnesota is the treeless prairies and magically up-springing new cities of Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Iowa and even the more southern States. Chicago, once the lumber market for the whole West, gets now only a minute fraction of the enormous product of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and the magnet of the Western demand attracts the lumber from the cheap water routes of the lakes to the westward railroad lines. Nearly all the lumber cut on the shores of Lake Superior goes West by the Northern Pacific. The Wisconsin Central carries a little to Milwaukee, though much of the traffic by that line is diverted by the westward lines it crosses. The great lumber centers of the Chippewa, Black and Wisconsin valleys are drained by the Omaha and Milwaukee and St. Paul to the West and Southwest. Even the lumber on the west shore of Lake Michigan, within easy reach of cheap water transit to Chicago, chooses instead a circuitous route by the Chicago and Northwestern road across Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa to the omniverous Western prairies. The once all-absorbing lumber trade of Chicago is reduced to the handling of so much of the Michigan product as is required for Western consumption.

The stimulus of the Western demand has changed the methods of lumber production and transit, as well as the direction of its market. The present or prospective exhaustion of the richest and most convenient tracts on the margins of navigable streams, while the demand is annually enlarging, compels a resort to new sources and a more careful gleaning of old. During last winter many tracts were cut for the second or third time. Higher prices and an eager market made it profitable to return to second-class timber, windfalls and smaller growth, neglected in former years. So far as this tendency leads to a cleaner and more economical reaping of the pine harvest, it is to be commended. It may work harm, however, by causing the destruction of half-grown trees, which contain the promise and potency of the future lumber supply. A still more important change in the methods and sources of lumber production is the adoption of means for reaching rich tracts remote from the channels of navigable streams. To an extent not generally understood, the railroads are taking the place of rivers as means of transit of the product, even from its first sources. Hundreds of millions of feet of logs are now taken to market every year that never float for a mile on the waters of rivers. Railroads are penetrating the lumber districts in every direction—the North Wisconsin, the Chippewa Valley, the Wisconsin Central, the Northwestern on the Michigan shore—whose sole or main business is the transportation of lumber cut on their lines, hauled to mills at their stations, saved into boards and loaded into cars, without even seeing a raft or boom. In many cases, narrow-gauge roads are built from the main lines into remote tracts, to enlarge the field from which supplies may be drawn. This change of method adds a large percentage to the available supply, and hastens by so much the rate of exhaustion of the forests.

The question of the prospective exhaustion of the pine timber of the Northwest will suggest itself to every thoughtful person. There is no question but that the time is swiftly approaching when the forests of Minnesota and Wisconsin will no longer answer to the annual demands made upon them, nor that the day is hastened by the extravagant and destructive methods of production, happily less common now than a few years ago. A pine forest is a thing of slow growth, and those of Wisconsin and Minnesota are of definitely limited, though still of vast, extent. They cannot indefinitely endure the stripping of the available timber from 1250 square miles per year. The period of exhaustion of the Northwestern forests has been the subject of speculation. It is vaguely put at ten years, but there are no data to justify such exact computation. The demand is variable, and there are no means of estimating what the supply may become under changed condi-



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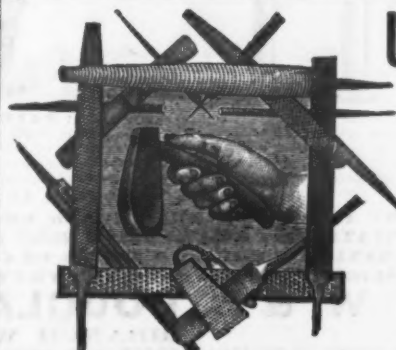
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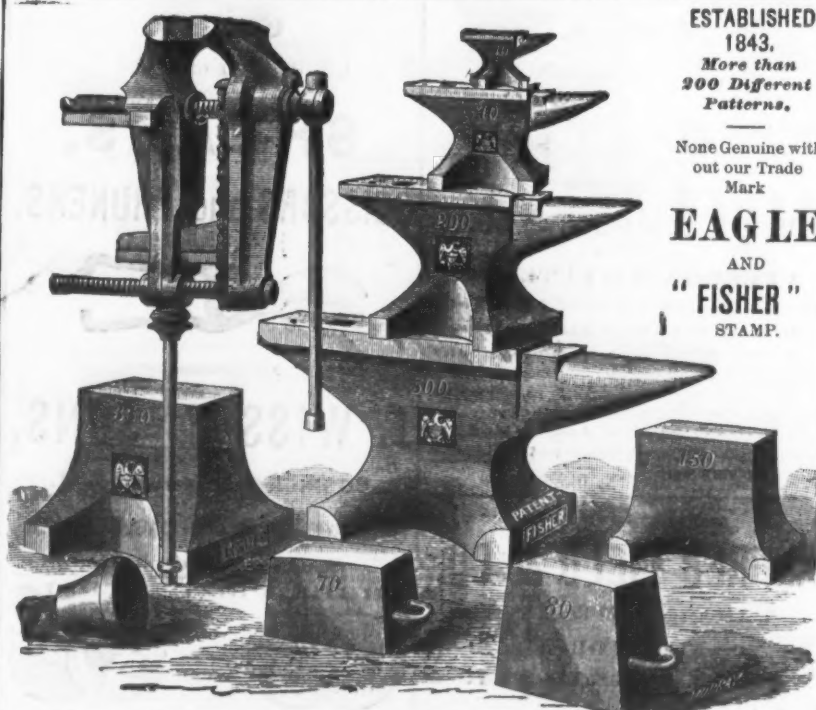
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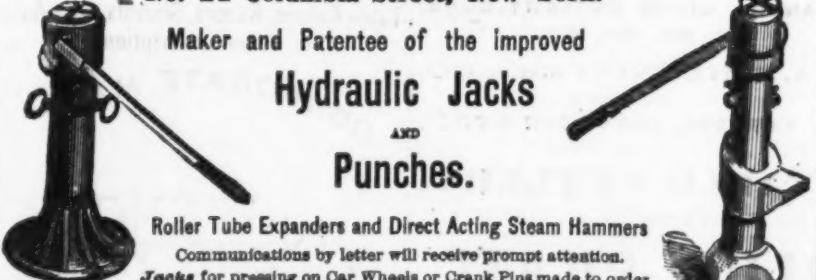
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tions. Poorer and less accessible timber will be made available by improved methods, and the pine lands remaining will probably be made to go much further than the same quantity in former years. But the certain fact that the forests are destroyed much more rapidly than they are replaced with new growth makes their exhaustion only a question of time. There are few virgin tracts left now. The loggers are already invading the Red Lake and Vermilion districts in Minnesota, and the railroads have penetrated to the hitherto intact forests above and between the heads of navigable streams in Wisconsin. Whether ten or twenty years hence, the exhaustion of the Northwestern lumber supply is near enough to suggest the most careful husbanding of the resources that remain, and to emphasize the blind and mad folly of a lumber tariff that preserves the forests of our neighbors and puts a premium upon the destruction of our own. These are questions for our lawmakers to ponder over.

#### SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

##### Liquid Gases and Solid Alcohol.

M. Cailliet, a French chemist, some time ago succeeded, by liquefying ethylene and causing it to boil, in producing a temperature of  $-105^{\circ}\text{C}$ . ( $-157^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), at which he liquefied a few gases under strong pressure, and even caused oxygen to approach the liquid state. M. Wroblewski, of Cracow, one of his pupils, continuing the experiments, by boiling liquid ethylene in a vacuum, produced a temperature of  $-136^{\circ}\text{C}$ . ( $-212.8^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), at which sulphuretted carbon and alcohol were congealed, and oxygen and nitrogen became liquid. The change in the form of oxygen were obtained on the 9th of April in three experiments, in which the conditions of pressure ( $22\frac{1}{2}$  to  $26\frac{1}{2}$  atmospheres) and temperature were slightly, but not essentially, varied. Liquid oxygen is transparent and colorless, differing in this from ozone, which is deep blue. Liquid nitrogen has a similar appearance. Sulphuretted carbon is a white solid at  $-116^{\circ}\text{C}$ , but becomes liquid when raised to  $-110^{\circ}\text{C}$ . At  $-130^{\circ}\text{C}$  alcohol assumes the form of a white solid, which becomes viscous at  $-120^{\circ}$ . Carbonic oxide was liquefied under similar conditions with nitrogen.

##### Scintillations of Stars as Affected by the Aurora Borealis.

According to Les Comptes Rendus, M. Ch. Montigny, observing for many years at Brussels, has noticed, as previous observers have done, that the scintillation of stars is much increased during the occurrence of an aurora. He has noticed, further, that every aurora "produces immediately its effects upon the scintillation," that stars in the north are most affected, and that the influence of the phenomenon is most marked for the stars which are observed across the upper regions of the air. Magnetic disturbances also, even when accompanied by no aurora visible at Brussels, increase the scintillation to a marked extent. On two occasions during July, 1881, the effect of magnetic disturbances was observed with no aurora visible in Brussels, or even, so far as can be learned, in any part of Denmark.

##### The Electro-Motive Force of Batteries.

Recent experiments by Mr. W. H. Preece, communicated to the Royal Society, Great Britain, show that changes of temperature do not practically affect the electro-motive force of a battery, but they do materially affect the internal resistance. Faraday's observation that the improved current from a heated cell is due to increased conductivity is thus confirmed. Mr. Preece's results also show that of the various forms of batteries in practical use the Daniell is most seriously influenced by variations in temperature, and that in all experiments with that battery, either the temperature must be kept constant or frequent measurements should be taken of the internal resistance of the battery and allowance made for the variation.

##### Scale of Hardness of Common Metals.

A new scale for comparing the hardness of metal has been compiled by Mr. Galliner, who in his experiments used small cylinders with conical points, and passed them loaded up to 5 kg. over polished plates of the respective metals, from which they did not materially differ in hardness. Thus he found, indicating the hardness of pure soft lead by 1, that tin is represented by 2; hard lead by 3; copper, 4 to 5; metal for bearings (85 copper, 10 tin and 5 zinc), 6; tempered cast iron, 7; fibrous wrought iron, 8; gray cast iron, 10 to 11; mild steel, 12 to 13; crucible steel, blue, 14; violet, 15; straw color, 16; hard bearing metal (85 copper, 17 zinc), 17; and very hard steel, 18.

##### Transmission of Sound.

Herr F. Schell, of Grund, recently described some observations made a short time since, in the course of mining work in the Hartz Mountains, on the distance through which sounds are transmitted in rock. In a horizontal direction the firing of shots at the face of a cross-cut has been heard in a cross-cut driven toward it, the face of which was 447 feet distant from it. A level was driven on a vein at a depth of 538 feet below the surface, and happened to strike 187 feet distant in a horizontal direction below a stamp mill dropping stamps weighing 330 pounds. The dropping of the stamps on the surface could be distinctly heard in the heading below, which, in a direct line, the hypothenuse of a right-angled triangle, was separated by 571 feet of rock.

Completion of the Monitors.—It is understood that Secretary Chandler has decided to have the work on the unfinished monitors Puritan, Terror and Amphitrite continued by the contractors who built the hulls of those vessels under the contracts with Secretary Robeson. Of the \$1,000,000 appropriated at the last session for the engines and machinery of the monitors—including the Monadnock on the Pacific Coast, the Secretary has allotted in round figures \$410,000 for the Puritan, which is in John Roach's yard at Chester, \$208,000 for the Terror, in Cramp's yard at Philadelphia, and \$382,000 for the Amphitrite, at Wilmington.

Del. It is not yet decided whether or not the work on the Monadnock shall be given to the contractor who built her hull.

#### The New England Grindstone Business.

"About three-fourths of the grindstones used in this country," says the Boston Commercial Bulletin, "are quarried in Ohio, and the balance are quarried in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, though a few are imported from England. The Ohio grindstone is mainly quarried near Cleveland, though some new quarries have lately been opened in the southern part of the State, near Marietta. The Ohio stone is not of such good quality as the stone from the Provinces, and the latter commands a better price. Ohio quarrymen control the Western market, as the stone from the Provinces cannot compete there, because of the heavy freight rates. In all the seaboard cities and adjacent points the Province stone competes, on account of low water rates, though there is a duty of \$1.50 a ton on unfinished and \$2 on finished, while under the new tariff the duty will be \$1.75 per ton without classification. In New England, the great manufacturing section of the country, the Province stone is preferred, because of the superior quality, and, though it costs from 25 to 33 1/2 per cent. more, over two-thirds of the stone used is of this kind. The Province stone is more durable and uniform in quality, will keep true better and is milder—that is, will not burn so quickly. This Province stone is quarried mainly on the Bay of Chaleur, New Brunswick, and on the Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia, and the stone from each place is about the same quality. Last year about 770,000 tons were imported into this country, and a considerable export trade was done to the West Indies and South America. Boston would probably do a great export business in these stones, on account of the shipping facilities, were it not that the bonded charges on these heavy stones are almost as great as the duty. In weight, grindstones vary from a few pounds to about four tons, and in size from a few inches to 7 feet in diameter.

#### A Pair of Shoes in Twenty Minutes.

In 1880 Charles Stewart Parnell visited Lynn, and while there he was shown about the city by Mayor Sanderson and three or four other gentlemen. The party visited the shoe manufactory of C. S. Sweetser & Co., and the proprietors decided to show Mr. Parnell how quick a pair of boots could be made. It was decided to make a pair of women's grain polish and the work commenced. Mr. Parnell closely watching every movement. He saw the stock for the uppers and the top linings cut out, the eyeletting done and the passing of the uppers from one stitcher to another; he saw the sole leather died out for the bottoms, and the stock fitted. Up to this time the uppers and bottoms had been kept separate. The next he saw was the two parts come together, the uppers lasted to the bottoms, then the uppers were sewed to the soles by a McKay stitcher, and in rapid succession followed the work of beating out, trimming and setting the edges, nailing on the heels, shaving and finishing the same, buffing the bottoms and channeling. Mr. Parnell then took the boots, which had been manufactured in just 20 minutes before his own eyes, and carried them with him to England. These boots, in process of manufacture, passed through no less than 30 hands, and the work was perfect.

#### Imports of Iron and Steel into Algeria.

Allusion was made in a recent Paris telegram to an agitation in France in favor of raising the import duties upon foreign iron and steel in Algeria, owing to the recent large increase in the receipts into that Colony of these articles from countries other than France. The views of the French ironmasters are set forth in a circular which they have sent to the press. Official statements of the Government are quoted to show that while the value of the imports into Algeria of iron and steel from foreign sources rose from £84,400 in 1880 to £170,840 in 1881, those from France fell from £606 to £6820. The circular contends, indeed, that the Algerian market is lost to French iron and steel manufacturers, and observes rather pathetically that French railways and French ships are thus deprived of a considerable amount of freight. The comparatively small proportion of this trade falling to France is ascribed to an alteration in the law made in 1867, which removed a differential duty previously prevailing against foreign productions of iron and steel, and reducing them to the same level as the duties on French productions. The circular demands the re-establishment of the former high duties on foreign iron and steel, in order that they may enjoy the monopoly which the former highly differential scale of duties gave them.

Mexico is taking increased quantities of iron and steel. Railroad building has been inaugurated in that country on a large scale, and this develops other industries, in nearly all of which more or less iron and steel are used. The Bureau of Statistics shows that the value of iron and steel shipped from the United States into Mexico has nearly quadrupled in the past two years. The total for 1880 was \$1,257,600; for 1881, \$2,582,300, and for 1882, \$4,239,700. The value last year was nearly as large as the combined total to all ports in Central and South America and West Indies. This total was \$4,910,000, of which \$1,156,800 was credited to the United States of Colombia and \$1,080,000 to Cuba. It is a gratifying fact to know that Mexico is now drawing more iron and steel from the United States than from Great Britain, the total imports of this character from that country in 1881 being \$2,553,100. As the new railroad enterprises of Mexico have been largely created by Americans, it is hoped that they will be able to secure most of their supplies for construction and rolling stock in this country. It is evident that a good deal of railroad building is to be done by Americans in Mexico, Central America, South America and Brazil in the next few years. England sent a value of \$6,657,809 in iron and steel to Brazil in 1881.



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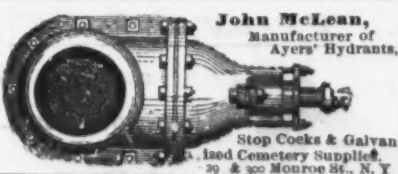
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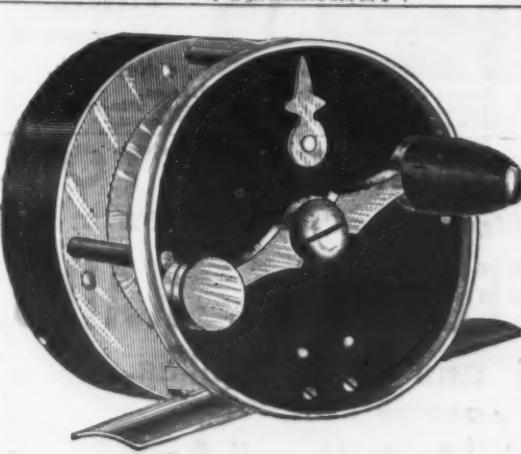
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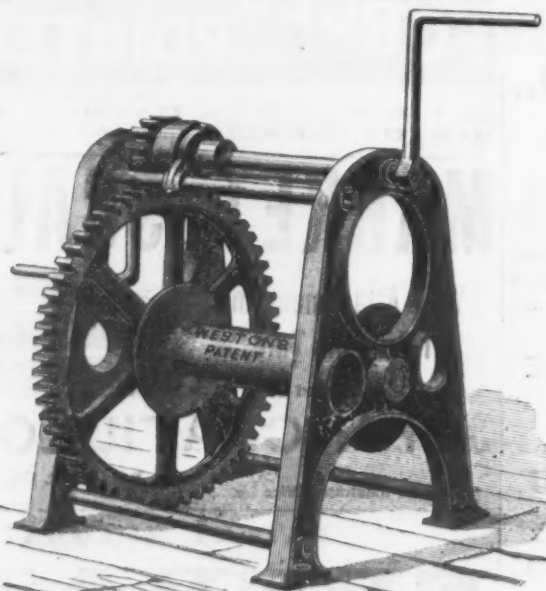
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The Philadelphia North American says: "The Hughes bill abolishing the contract-labor system in our prisons and reformatories was passed finally by the Senate before its adjournment. The system as adopted in our prisons was very little abused or liable to abuse, and in many ways was an advantage to the employed and the public purse. There is not at the bottom of this very general movement against convict labor any great principle relating to the humanities, but only a blind resistance to the effort to make convicts and persons consigned to reformatories earn their living. We are aware that the plea is that the system robs honest labor of its just wage; but honest labor is not robbed in this country. Honest labor has the best and least variable reward in this country. This has been the case from the beginning. We are prepared to go to the full extent of an uncompromising resistance to any system which degrades labor or tends to reduce its reward to the low level which prevails in older countries. But at the same time we hold that every prison and reformatory should be made self-supporting. There are no valid reasons why the taxpayer—who, by the way, is an honest laborer in one way or another—should pay a dollar for the support of criminals and indolent persons committed for vagrancy. There is need of a system by which every person incarcerated for crimes and for vagrancy shall be made to earn his living. We do not hold that such persons should be compelled to earn more than a living, and the surplus be turned into the public treasury. But all whose physical condition makes it possible for them to labor should labor—first, for their own good, and, finally, for their own support, in order that the honest portion of the community may not be made to bear the burden entailed at present by vice and crime.

"The contract-labor system as it is pursued in some parts of the country is no doubt a great outrage. It is so in some parts of the South, where convicts are worked in gangs, badly fed and clothed and overworked by cruel taskmasters. Against such cruelty every right-minded person ought to set his face. We are not aware that there is any charge brought against any of the prisons and reformatories of Pennsylvania on the score of inhumanity. We are not aware that our prison authorities require the persons under their charge to labor beyond their strength. Hence we have said that there is no great principle relating to the humanities at the bottom of this enactment. It is simply the fashion to affect a great concern for the comfort of persons who are isolated from society solely because they showed no regard for the comfort of society. It is said that the law will cut off the city from utilizing the labor of the House of Correction inmates beyond the grounds of the institution. As the greater part of the inmates are idle, dissipated and in some sort worthless persons, we see no justice in putting it out of the power of the city to make the institution partially self-supporting. It is no disgrace to work. Work cannot be degraded by the character of the worker. It is with labor as it is with men, for as no man can be degraded save by himself, so labor can never be degraded when it is used to degrade society—something not likely to be done, because labor is in itself a measure of salvation to all who engage in it. Every prison ought to be self-supporting, and perhaps that may be done without a contract system. But it should be done, even if it require the repeal of the law."

In the discussion of the Hughes bill in the Senate, June 4th, Senator McNeil presented the following letter from Warden Wright, which, as a view of the subject from the standpoint of an intelligent prison official, will be found interesting:

"SENATOR: A proposed act of Assembly to abolish the contract system in the prisons and reformatories of the State will shortly be brought before the Senate. I submit for your consideration the following reasons why said bill should not be enacted into a law:

"First—It is crude and incomplete in its details, and its only effect will be to make a better market for the prison products of other States at the expense of the taxpayers of the several counties of the Commonwealth, as all deficiencies in earnings are paid by the counties in proportion to their representation in the several penal institutions.

"Second—No substitute for the present system is proposed beyond a direction to employ the prisoners for and on behalf of the State, and, as no money is appropriated to conduct such employment or business, the effect of the law would be enforced idleness.

"Third—Such a result would be additional severity instead of amelioration of discipline, and demoralization in place of reform, as you well know that idleness in prison produces insanity.

"Fourth—It is urged as an argument in favor of the bill that contract labor is injurious to the free workman. On this subject, in the report of the State Prison of New Jersey for 1877, page 7, will be found as follows: 'The recent agitation relative to labor has developed a strong opposition to prison industries under any form. The grounds of this opposition are that such industries create a ruinous competition with outside labor. Whether such supposed competition furnishes a sufficient reason for maintaining the criminals in idleness, and the cost of that maintenance added to the levy, it is not the province of this report to discuss. If, however, the theory of injurious competition be admitted at all, it will apply with greater power in other directions and against other forces than convict labor. The influx of skilled labor from abroad, and the constantly increasing use of labor-saving machinery, exert an immeasurably greater influence upon the industries of the country than the productions of convicts. The annual increase of the former is probably equal to the whole number of convicts employed, while to the latter is to be added the power of steam, which is the real competitor, to whose productions the industries of penal institutions add an inappreciable item.' The fallacy of the grounds upon which opposition to prison labor is based, has been shown by

the careful and exhaustive examination of the whole subject made by intelligent mechanics and others, and the arguments once plausible have long since been abandoned by nearly all who have taken the pains to investigate the matter. In a population of more than 40,000,000, the number of convicts engaged in mechanical labor does not exceed 20,000, and these divided among all the States. It cannot be, therefore, that prison industries which are so limited can depreciate the value of free labor to an extent that can be estimated.

"Fifth—A change to the public or State account method of employment would undoubtedly prove a costly experiment, if the results in other States are any guide. In the State of Illinois the results of that system for something less than four years caused a debt of \$332,832.18, and Governor Palmer, in a message addressed to the Legislature, recommended the adoption of a system 'which combines the retention of complete control of the discipline and government of the convicts with the lease of their labor to persons engaged in special pursuits.' Such an act was passed, and it is stated in the report for Southern Illinois Penitentiary for 1881-82: 'The law is peremptory, not permitting the prison authorities to carry on any manufacturing industries.' A leading cause for the change to the contract system was an appeal from the workmen of Illinois to be relieved from the competition of the State, which was found to be more grievous than that of the private contractors, who secure the highest price attainable for the quality of goods offered for sale. Even at the State Reformatory, at Elmira, N. Y., the public account system, originally one of its main features, has been abandoned, having proven very unsatisfactory. The machinery of the brush factory there was recently offered for sale at a greatly reduced price. The inmates are now employed at shoemaking and molding light castings, all by contract.

"The State of California is now making a very extensive and expensive test of the public-account system, having invested over \$300,000 in the jute and chair factories recently started in the State prison at San Quentin. But as these industries will only furnish employment for about one-half the inmates of that prison, other manufactures of articles not now made on the coast by free white labor are to be introduced. The future workings of this great experiment will be watched by all interested in the problem of prison labor. Apparently there is no lack of money and certainly none of care and thoughtful attention to the details of the trust committed to the management. At the recent sessions of the Legislature of Ohio the question of convict labor was committed to a commission of three persons, to examine and report to the next Legislature. Congress at its last session recognized the fact that this labor problem was a matter of national concern, and appointed a commission to sit during the summer and report to the next Congress. As these reports will doubtless cover many important matters, there is no need for haste at this time; possibly some solution of a national character may be arrived at. There is no urgent call for relief at this end of the State. Our industries in this prison are so diversified that no one's interest is sacrificed. We have shops for making shoes, chairs, brooms, cigars, tinware, and a small shop for iron-work. The earnings at this time amount to over \$5000 per month, and the overwork earned and received by the prisoners amounts to \$1000 per month. In other words, the taxpayers of this penitentiary district will be called to pay just that much beyond the usual deficit if we have to return to the old system. For many years we carried on labor in the cells on State account, making shoes and weaving checks, but at length scarcely realized the value of the raw material, such was the competition of steam-power machinery. It was alike unprofitable in a moral point of view. Now the labor is alike cheerful and valuable, health-giving and promotive of the growth of purer thoughts and brighter hopes. I shall deprecate and bitterly regret any action which shall compel us to shut up our prisoners in idleness, for, as I said in the beginning of this paper, the passage of this act means the deplorable result of no funds to be provided for manufacturing purposes.

"Your experience as a member of the Workhouse Board will clearly show you that a capital of not less than \$1000 per man will be needed to carry on any extended system of manufacturing. I do not think you are prepared to give such an amount at this time. I do not think that any one desires to compel us to keep the prisoners in idleness, and I hope the hazard of such a result may be avoided. I presume you are aware that the 'strike' of last summer caused a stoppage in our iron-working shops of nearly three months, and very nearly caused an abandonment of prison labor. A certainty of prison contracts ending at the end of the present term, added to dullness of trade from any cause, would certainly result in a loss of contracts, without awaiting the full term, and possibly proving a greater loss. To guard against such a contingency I submit this question to you in its various lights, hoping for such action as shall best promote the interests committed to your care.

"Very respectfully,

"EDWARD S. WRIGHT."

The bill passed finally, with but three dissenting votes—Messrs. McNeill, McKnight and Laird.

In the House Mr. Hughes offered an amendment to the bill to abolish the contract system in prisons and reformatories, providing that the wages a prisoner may make while in prison be appropriated to costs of suits and fines of courts, any surplus remaining to be paid to the family of the prisoner. The amendment was agreed to and the bill laid over for final passage.

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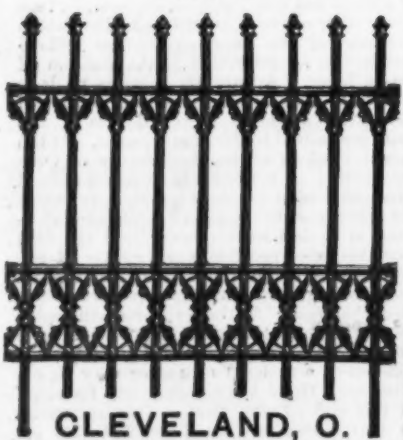
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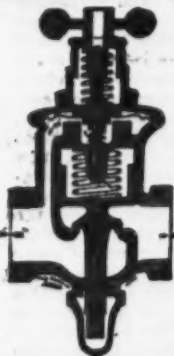
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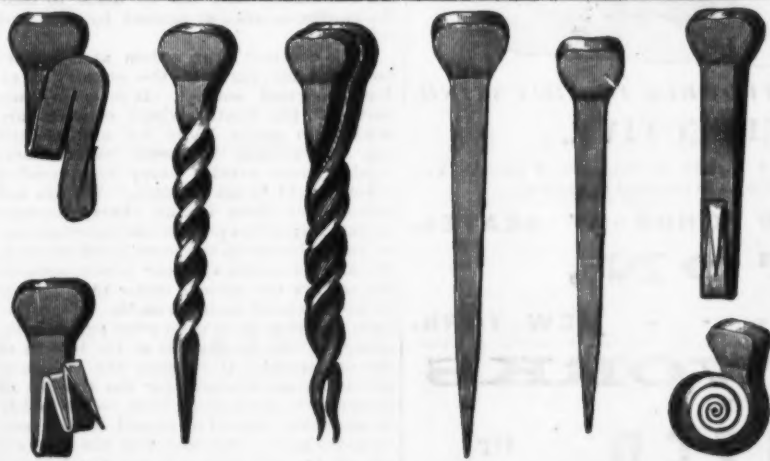
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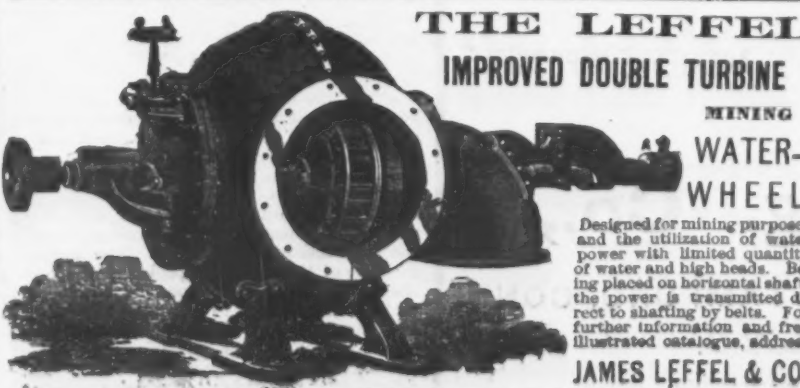
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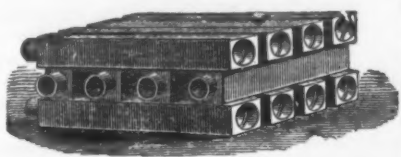
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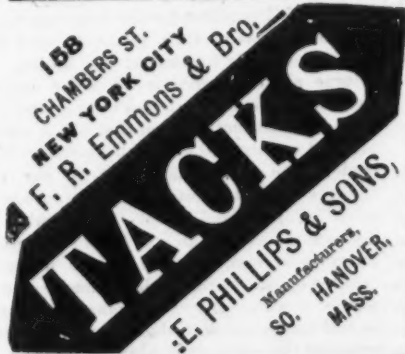


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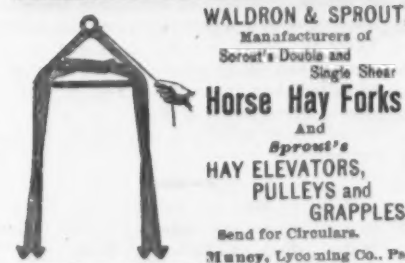
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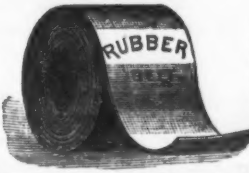
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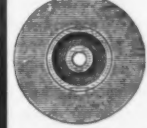
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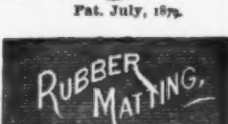
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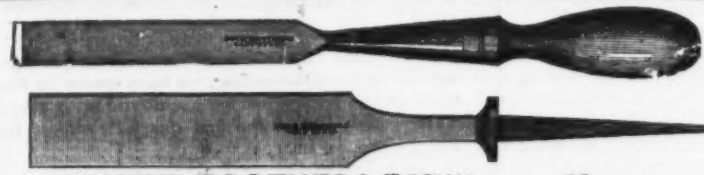


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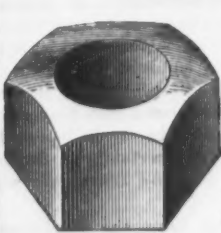
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### METALLURGICAL NOTES.

#### Determination of Phosphorus in Iron and Steel.

In describing Mr. E. Agthe's process for the determination of phosphorus in iron and steel, as given in a German chemical journal, the *Chemical News* states that from 0.5 to 1 gram of the specimen supposed to be present, is dissolved in 50 c. c. nitric acid; the solution is evaporated to dryness, the residue strongly heated, and afterward—in order to expel the last trace of nitric acid—it is evaporated down again with hydrochloric acid. It is then redissolved in hydrochloric acid; so much hot water is added that the silica may separate out; the solution is filtered into a porcelain capsule, and evaporated on the sand-bath at a high temperature as long as everything dissolves on shaking the capsule. It is then further evaporated, as far as possible, at a lower temperature; but no firm, solid crusts must be formed. This evaporation must be conducted with special care; if a little too much hydrochloric acid remains unevaporated the result will be too low, but if hard crusts are formed a clear solution cannot be obtained with nitric acid. When cold, 35 c. c. ammonia of sp. gr. 0.96 are added and stirred up with a glass rod, so that a thick paste is formed; 77 c. c. nitric acid of 1.2 sp. gr. are then added; the capsule is set in a warm place, and stirred to promote solution. The solution is rinsed into a beaker, and when no longer too hot, from 50 to 100 c. c. molybdic acid added, well stirred; the beaker set in a warm place (not above 80°) for four hours, let cool, filtered and washed with dilute molybdic solution. The washed precipitate is dissolved upon the filter in a minimum of ammonia, and the ammoniacal solution is mixed with hydrochloric acid till the precipitate formed redissolves with difficulty. When the beaker is quite cold, 15 to 25 c. c. magnesia mixture are added; the whole is well stirred, filtered after standing for six hours, slightly washed with ammoniacal water, dried, ignited and weighed. The filtrate from the ammonium phosphomolybdate, is mixed with ammonia, and set for four hours in a warm place, observing if a further yellow precipitate is formed. If this is the case the analysis is defective; the liquid is then neutralized, as far as possible, with ammonia, more molybdic solution is added, and the second precipitate is weighed along with the former. Mr. Agthe prepares his molybdic solution by dissolving 115 grams molybdic acid in 460 ammonia at 0.96 sp. gr., adding 1 liter water, and pouring this solution into nitric acid of sp. gr. 1.2. The liquid is let stand for a day and filtered. For magnesia mixture he takes magnesium chloride, 101.5 grams; ammonium chloride, 200; liquid ammonia, 400 grams (sp. gr. 0.96), and water, 1 liter.

#### Improvement in the Construction of Blast Furnaces.

Mr. William Kent, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has recently been granted a patent for an improvement in the construction of blast furnaces, the object of which is to dispense with the double wall of ordinary blast furnaces, and the expansion space between the two walls, and to substitute for it a single wall, surrounded by a skeleton of upright bars and bands. This frame is so constructed that it is not liable to be destroyed by the expansion of the wall which it incloses. The advantage claimed for this single wall is that the air having free access to the outside prevents it from being so rapidly burned out as the inner wall of the ordinary blast furnace, the outside wall, in this case, retaining a considerable proportion of heat. Adopting Mr. Kent's improvement, it will also be seen that the furnace wall is constantly viable and accessible for repairs, which can be made from the outside while the furnace is in operation. Furnaces having inner walls, invisible and inaccessible from the outside, must necessarily be repaired from the inside, after blowing out the furnace, involving expense and loss of time. The frame surrounding the furnace wall, as proposed by Mr. Kent, consists of vertical bars of railroad iron and horizontal iron or steel bands. Each band is provided with a spring joint, making it elastic and free to expand and contract with variations in the temperature of the fire-brick wall. The spring used is the ordinary car-buffer spring of edge-rolled steel, having a range of motion of 1 1/2 inches, and capable of sustaining a load of 10,000 pounds before closing. The springs may also be used as an index of the amount of strain on the bands. Suitable provisions have also been made to prevent the bands from slipping down when they are loose. When the furnace is put in blast there should be a space of, say, 2 inches left between the ends of the horizontal bands, with only a moderate strain on the springs. A bolt which connects the two ends of each band should be long enough to allow an expansion of 5 or 6 inches. As the furnace becomes hot the wall will expand, bringing a strain on the spring. Before the latter is entirely closed the nut operating the bolt should be unscrewed to relieve the strain, and the spring should be closely watched for a few days, until the furnace has reached its regular working heat. The nut should then be adjusted, so that the spring will be strained to one-half its capacity, after which it will not require further attention while the furnace is in blast. The slight expansion and contraction which may be caused by variations in the heat of the furnace while in blast will be amply compensated by the elasticity of the spring. The arrangement described may naturally be applied to any portion of a blast-furnace stack, as well as to the whole. One of the furnaces of Shoenberger, Blair & Co., at Pittsburgh, was partially rebuilt in this manner about three years ago, the single wall with elastic bands being used for a space about 30 feet immediately above the mantle plate, with entirely

satisfactory results. The springs, being kept cool by the circulation of air outside of the walls, and never strained beyond half of the load necessary to close them, are said to be even now apparently as elastic as when they were new.

#### Magnetic Iron Sand Deposits.

Deposits of magnetic iron sand exist in many places on the shores of the St. Lawrence River. On the upper portion, some of the comparatively most extensive ones are at Batiscan, and on the adjoining banks of the river near this place. These deposits on the upper portion of the river, however, are much mixed with sand, and, with the exception of small isolated patches, do not average more than 20 per cent. of magnetic iron grains, or about 15 per cent. of metallic iron. Lower down the river the deposits become of a richer character and of much greater extent. There are large deposits of iron sand at Bersemis, but which are, unfortunately, difficult of access, owing to the exposed and abrupt conformation of the coast; at Moisie, however, where there is again a very extensive deposit, the beach gradually slopes to the water, the Moisie River here also forming a good harbor, making it easy of access. The deposit of iron sand at this locality is of exceptional richness, and therefore, perhaps, worthy of fuller description. Owing to the peculiar action of the waves and currents, caused by the configuration of the coast, which apparently act somewhat in the manner of a gigantic gold-washing bowl, the magnetic iron is thrown together in broad belts of great purity, of from 1 1/2 inches to 2 or 3 feet in thickness, and separated from each other by layers of sand. This belt is of an average width of 50 feet, and extends along the beach for a length of 3 miles, with numerous underlying layers of rich magnetic iron sand, the thickness or extent of which, beyond a depth of 12 feet, has never been fairly investigated. The percentage of iron of this magnetic iron-sand belt, as given by Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, in the Government Geological Survey of Canada, is as follows: Iron, 55.23 (equal to magnetic iron 76.66), and with sulphur, .07; phosphorus, .007; titanic acid, .16; silica, 5.93; lime, .0; manganese, .8. Part of the iron exists in conjunction with the titanic acid, in the form of titaniferous iron, but an average sample, carefully separated several times by the magnet, gave over 50 per cent. of almost pure magnetic iron, containing only traces of titanic acid and manganese, and free from phosphorus and sulphur. About 15 years ago this remarkable deposit of magnetic sand at Moisie attracted the attention of some capitalists at Montreal, and open-hearth furnaces, coke ovens, and the necessary buildings in conjunction with them, were constructed for the manufacture of charcoal iron. The quality of iron produced was all that could be desired, but the works were not a commercial success. This was owing to the refractory nature of the titaniferous iron, coupled with the fine state of division of the magnetic iron sand, causing a very large quantity of fuel to be consumed for the production of the iron. Attempts were made to separate the impurities by shading and washing tables, which were unsuccessful, owing to the closeness of the specific gravity of magnetic iron and titaniferous iron, they being as 5.18 to 4.70. The works had consequently to be abandoned, though they are still standing on the spot, together with some 10,000 tons of magnetic iron sand collected in heaps near the furnaces. There are again deposits of magnetic iron sand lower down the coast of the St. Lawrence, and extending up toward Labrador, on the north side, at Mingan, Natasquan and Kegashia, which are said to be quite extensive.

#### Condition of the Crops.

The official report on the area and condition of the winter and spring wheat crop gives it lower than in May throughout the entire area, with few exceptions. The decline amounts to 4 points in Connecticut, 14 in New York, 2 in Ohio, 8 in Indiana, 15 in Illinois and 7 in Missouri. It is slight in Michigan and generally throughout the South. The general average of condition is 75, against 83 in May. In June, 1882, it was 99 for winter wheat. It is by States as follows: Connecticut, 92; New York, 61; New Jersey, 101; Pennsylvania, 97; Delaware, 81; Maryland, 98; Virginia, 93; North Carolina, 95; South Carolina, 95; Georgia, 96; Alabama, 95; Mississippi, 81; Texas, 86; Arkansas, 80; Tennessee, 85; West Virginia, 88; Kentucky, 77; Ohio, 60; Michigan, 80; Indiana, 67; Missouri, 70; Illinois, 51; Kansas, 89; California, 88, and Oregon, 90. These figures indicate the condition of the growing wheat, without reference to loss of area by plowing up winter killed areas. The spring-wheat area has been increased about 500,000 acres, or nearly 5 per cent. Wisconsin reports a reduction of 1 per cent. and Iowa of 2 per cent. Minnesota makes an increase of 5 per cent., Nebraska of 7, Dakota of 40 and Montana of 35. The spring-wheat States have an acreage of nearly 10,000,000 acres. The condition of spring wheat is everywhere high, averaging 98 per cent., the same as last year. The area of barley is increased 5 per cent. Total acreage, about 2,350,000 acres; condition is high, averaging 97 per cent. There is an increase of 1 per cent. in the acreage of cotton, a somewhat backward condition of the crop, but a fair stand, medium vitality and unusually clean culture. Considering the time yet available, this is a reasonably encouraging condition of things. The greatest percentage of increased acreage is in Texas, which State also leads in area, having 3,035,000 acres out of the total of 16,780,000 acres.

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## The Percentage of Idle Blast Furnaces.

It is often a subject of comment, when the  
number of blast furnaces in the United States  
is under consideration, that there should  
always be so many of them idle. Even in  
seasons of prosperity and of high prices for  
pig iron, not more than two-thirds of our  
furnaces are ever in blast at the same time.  
In recent years (1872-73 and 1880-81) we  
have witnessed the greatest activity among  
manufacturers of pig iron, but at no time did  
the percentage in blast of the whole number  
of furnaces exceed 64. Of course, in times  
of drooping prices, diminishing demand and  
fierce competition for business, the number  
of furnaces out of blast will necessarily be  
large. But it is surprising that in the best  
times one-third of them should be turning  
out no pig iron, while foreign countries are  
being drawn upon to supply a deficiency.  
Now that the "boom" has spent its force  
completely, and we are back to low prices and  
diminished production, it will be interesting  
to note how activity among the furnaces has  
varied during that busy season and the dull  
years which preceded it, going back to the  
"flush" times of 1872-73.

At the close of 1872 there were 571 blast  
furnaces in the country, of which only 370  
were in blast at that time, or 64 per cent.  
From that year the number in operation  
increased, while the number in operation  
decreased, until at the close of 1876 there  
were 714 furnaces in the country, but only  
236 of them were in blast, or but 33 per cent.  
of the whole number. The turning point  
then came, and at the close of 1880 there were  
446 furnaces in blast out of 701, or 64 per  
cent. The same percentage was in blast at  
the close of 1881, but at the close of 1882 it  
had fallen to 61 per cent.; on the 1st of last  
April it was only 55 per cent., and on the 1st  
inst. it was only 51 per cent. The facts are  
well shown in the following table:

Close of	Completed furnaces.	Furnaces in blast.	Percentage in blast.
1872.....	571	370	64
1873.....	657	410	62
1874.....	693	363	52
1875.....	713	293	41
1876.....	714	236	33
1877.....	716	270	30
1878.....	693	265	38
1879.....	697	388	55
1880.....	701	446	64
1881.....	716	445	62
1882.....	687	417	61
April 1, 1893.....	687	375	55
June 1, 1893.....	685	351	51

The variation in the number of completed  
furnaces is, of course, due to the abandon-  
ment or destruction of old furnaces and the  
erection of new ones. This number changes  
constantly. There are various explanations  
of the idleness of so many furnaces in pros-  
perous times. There are many charcoal  
furnaces which are so situated that several  
months of preparation are required, espe-  
cially in securing fuel supplies, before they  
can start. Often these fuel supplies can  
only be obtained in the winter, when snow  
enables wood to be hauled easily and cheaply.  
Charcoal furnaces are therefore found to  
be late in starting up when flush times come,  
and late in stopping when dull times make  
their unwelcome appearance, simply because  
in the former case they have no stock to  
start with, and in the latter case because  
they have stock which must be worked up.  
Sometimes it happens that furnaces cannot  
start up after a long season of idleness because  
the demand for ore is, for the time, greater  
than the supply. This was seen in 1879, when  
quite a number of furnaces whose owners  
were impatient to light up were obliged to be  
kept inactive for a considerable time until  
the supply of iron ore increased sufficiently  
to enable them to lay in stock. It happens  
also that furnaces are occasionally in the  
hands of persons who are too weak finan-  
cially to operate them. We are cognizant of  
several such furnaces which were not oper-  
ated at all during the boom, although they  
are favorably located. No matter how high  
prices may be, there will be break downs,  
accidents, and necessary and enforced stop-  
pages for repairs, which may require months  
of precious time. It would, indeed, be a mar-  
velous combination of circumstances that  
would enable even 90 per cent. of our fur-  
naces to be in blast at one time. It would be  
an absolute impossibility to have them all in  
blast at once. Not even in a single district of  
any consequence as an iron-making center is  
such a condition of affairs ever seen. It  
would be a wonder of wonders, for instance,  
to have every furnace in the Lehigh Valley  
in blast at one time, or in the Shenandoah Val-  
ley, or in the Lake Superior district, or in  
the Hanging Rock region. If 66 per cent. is  
exceeded in any of these localities, it is doing  
remarkably well, as we have shown.

We are inclined to think that no greater  
proof is needed that a work is too big for its  
engineer than the excuse which is frequently  
made after completion that the thing was  
experimental, and hence it was not to be  
wondered at that mistakes were made. At  
the coroners' inquest upon the bridge dis-  
aster, one of the leading trustees made re-  
marks to the effect that, if in the beginning  
they had known as much as is known now,  
the bridge would in many ways have a  
greater capacity. The excuse given is, of  
course, that the thing was to a certain ex-  
tent experimental, and there were some  
things that could not have been foreseen.  
We see no reason why the crowds which  
cross the bridge could not have been fore-  
seen by counting the passengers on a Fulton  
ferry-boat, or, what is better yet, the num-  
ber of people who during the one-cent hours  
pass down Beekman and Fulton streets at a  
point as high up as Nassau. The number of

this crowd could be easily checked by ascer-  
taining the number of persons who walk  
away from the Fulton ferry-house in Brook-  
lyn. The figures thus obtained would cer-  
tainly have prevented some of the mistakes  
which have been made. That they were  
not obtained is creditable neither to the  
bridge trustees nor to the engineers.

## Some Things Which Mr. Bright Does Not See.

In a speech delivered in Birmingham, June  
13th, the venerable John Bright made a mis-  
take, very common with Englishmen, of look-  
ing at American affairs through British  
spectacles. Mr. Bright reviewed the events  
of the last 50 years, and laid stress upon the  
enormous advantages conferred upon the  
country by the repeal of the Corn Laws.  
Referring to America, Mr. Bright said:  
"Permit me to address a word to the artisan  
classes of the United States. I am no  
"enemy of the United States. I fought her  
"battle in this country. I sympathize with  
"her as much now as I did then—almost as  
"much as if born upon her soil. I believe  
"the question in the United States between  
"a protective and simply a revenue tariff is  
"weaving its solution. The opinion is grow-  
"ing that irresistible economic facts are  
"offering themselves for the consideration  
"of statesmen and every intelligent man in  
"the great Republic. An extraordinary con-  
"dition of things exist there. No country  
"of any age ever experienced or dreamed of  
"an actual surplus of thirty millions sterling.  
"This fact is fatal to the high protection  
"party. The Government does not well  
"know what to do with it." After eloquent  
allusion to the war which abolished slavery,  
Mr. Bright said: "I believe the next elec-  
"tion for President will be fought on free-  
"trade lines. The great people of the  
"United States will declare it to be the  
"inalienable right of every American citizen  
"to spend his money in the world's cheapest  
"market."

Mr. Bright is so highly respected in this  
country that no American citizen would think  
of regarding anything he would be likely to  
say of us as an impertinence. It must be  
admitted, however, that in this instance he  
speaks with a confidence not warranted by  
the probabilities. So far as we are able to  
judge, the question of the tariff is likely to  
have much less prominence as a political  
issue in the next Presidential campaign  
than it had in the last one.

The greatest danger which the friends of  
protection have to fear is that the issue will  
not be clearly drawn, and that the real  
intention of the Democratic leaders will be  
so skillfully concealed in the glittering gen-  
eralities of their platform that the people  
will not know, until they learn from experi-  
ence, what the purpose of the party is. The  
Democratic party is so divided on this ques-  
tion that the object of ambiguity in its  
declaration of principles will be quite as  
much to confuse its friends as its enemies.  
If the friends of protection to American  
industry can succeed in drawing the line  
sharply, and in making every voter under-  
stand that his ballot must be cast for protec-  
tion or against it, the battle will be won  
before election day.

It is not surprising that Mr. Bright stands  
amazed at the spectacle of a nation bur-  
dened with a surplus revenue and an over-  
flowing treasury; but we should think his  
training in statesmanship, if not in simple  
arithmetic, would show him that the way to  
reduce this surplus is not to reconstruct the  
tariff on the revenue basis. The position of  
the United States is unique in many respects.  
Ours is probably the only important country  
in the world which can show a substantial  
progress. England is not progressing,  
France is not, Germany is not; we find no  
substantial progress anywhere on the Con-  
tinent of Europe, and but little worth men-  
tioning in the countries north or south of us.  
So far from being "fatal to a high protec-  
tion policy," the position of the United States  
triumphantly vindicates its eminent wisdom.  
Our surplus simply shows that we have made  
the mistake of continuing internal taxes  
long after they had ceased to be necessary,  
and that too many of our rates of duty are  
now more productive of revenue than use-  
ful for the protection of native industry—  
those on tin plates and steel blooms, for  
example.

We fail to see how the arguments ad-  
vanced in support of the abandonment of  
protection can be assumed to have any  
weight as against the facts and statistics,  
which are so plain that he who runs may  
read. What difference does it make that  
our export market is limited, and that our  
manufactures cannot compete in prices with  
those of Great Britain, Germany and France  
in the consuming markets of the world? This  
is a matter which may be left for the  
future to settle. It has small present in-  
terest. In times of average prosperity we  
have no surplus to export. In 1880 the value  
of our exports of manufactures was only 2  
per cent. of our total production; the other  
98 per cent. were exchanged and consumed  
at home, but there was no glut or over-  
supply. When we come to consider the in-  
terests of the agricultural classes, we find  
that they are not excluded from the export  
trade by protection, and, if they were, the  
interests of the farmer are secondary to  
those of the manufacturer. The productiveness  
of capital employed in manufacturing, as  
compared with that invested in farms and  
implements, is as 2 to 1, and it is this differ-  
ence which makes the farmer a profitable

home market. Even New York derives more  
from manufacturing than from foreign trade.  
At this port not less than 77 per cent. of  
the foreign commerce of the country is  
received and shipped, but the \$650,000,000  
worth of manufactures annually produced  
in New York and Brooklyn support more  
people and contribute more to the wealth of  
the city than its foreign trade, a very large  
part of which pays only warehousing and  
transshipment charges. The interests of the  
masses of the people are identified with  
those of domestic industry as they never  
were, and never can be, with foreign trade.  
Their interests as producers are greater than  
their interests as consumers by the amount  
which their earnings exceed their expendi-  
tures for food, clothing and shelter. We  
have no doubt the position of affairs in this  
country looks to Mr. Bright exactly as he  
describes it; but he only sees what an Eng-  
lishman would be apt to look for—a possible  
market for English manufactures and a still  
cheaper source of food supply for Great  
Britain.

## The Position of Lead.

Since the beginning of the current year  
the position of lead in this country has been  
different from that of any other metal.  
With other metals, causes tending to ad-  
vance or depress prices on one side of the  
ocean are promptly responded to by the  
markets on the other side. Not so with  
lead. In Europe the price of this metal has  
declined to a figure lower than we remem-  
ber in 30 years. We are assured that it is  
even below net cost of production, and that  
in England, Spain and Germany production  
will have to be restricted to avoid over-  
supply and enormous decline in value. But,  
notwithstanding these predictions, we see  
that the Mechnich Mine, in Germany,  
the greatest in the world, has paid a  
good dividend to shareholders. The pro-  
duction of this mine in 1882 was 25,054  
tons of 2240 pounds, and 5108 kilograms of  
silver, yielding a gross profit of 2,256,727  
marks, and leaving, after setting aside  
toward the sinking fund, &c., a sum of  
879,560 marks, a net profit of 1,377,167  
marks, out of which a dividend of 13 per  
cent. on a share capital of 9,600,000 marks  
was declared. With the exception of three  
companies, every one of the fourteen mines  
in Germany produced more lead in 1882  
than in 1881, as the following comparison  
will show:

	1882. Tons.	1881. Tons.
Stolberg Co.....	14,919	13,096
Rheinisch Nassau Co.....	6,239	7,200
Mochernich Co.....	35,055	28,409
Commerz Co.....	7,727	8,362
A. Poeschl & Sons.....	3,100	3,189
Rothbach Works.....	40	55
Walter Cronk Works.....	5,838	5,489
Frederichs Works.....	3,683	3,430
Mansfeld Works.....	NONE	NONE
Upper Harz.....	10,447	9,438
Lower Harz.....	570	414
Ernst.....	5,803	5,772
Braubach.....	3,178	3,721
Freiberg.....	3,664	4,494
Total.....	91,690	85,989

Spain's steady increase, the low price not-  
withstanding, we have shown in former ar-  
ticles, but we are now able to give particu-  
lars of the first quarter's export from that  
country:

	Tons.	Pesos.
1881.....	25,370	11,837,094
1882.....	28,227	14,083,832
1883.....	28,534	13,013,856

\* Peseta = 50 cents of our money.

We showed last year, from Spanish mining  
companies' reports, that the average divi-  
dends declared were quite remunerative.  
On June 1 English lead sold in England at  
£12 17/6 to £13 per ton, and Spanish at  
£12 12 6 per ton. Reduced to American  
money, the pound of Spanish lead in the  
London market does not bring over \$2.70 per  
100 pounds, 5 cents lower than we have seen  
domestic lead in this market, yet Spain ships  
this year more than ever. China takes from  
Europe steadily 1000 tons of lead per month,  
and the trade on both sides of the ocean have  
watched with some uneasiness the various  
phases through which the relations between  
France and the Chinese Empire are now  
passing. A commencement of hostilities  
would, of course, put a stop to lead exporta-  
tion to China at once, which would leave that  
much more on the hands of Europeans. It  
may not be enough to still further depress a  
price already so low, but it may hinder a re-  
covery. The outlook in the European lead  
market as it stands certainly is far from  
cheerful, and a Franco-Chinese war would  
aggravate it.

In view of these facts, the steadiness of  
the lead market in this country and the  
level at which the price has been maintained  
are well calculated to create surprise.  
Everybody interested knows that lead is  
intrinsically as weak as it can be; but there  
is so much eagerness displayed by consum-  
ers to secure the amount they will want  
during the summer and fall, by buying to  
arrive, July, August and September deliv-  
eries, that holders and producers of lead,  
both on this coast and in the West, maintain  
pretty stiff prices, with a fair development  
of activity in the two great distributing  
centers, St. Louis and Chicago. Meanwhile the  
metal trade, feeling from all appearances  
tolerably safe that for a month or two lead  
is not likely to experience a sudden drop,  
seem to trouble themselves as little about the  
more distant future of lead values as they  
did about copper when, toward the close of  
February, it was quoted at 18 cents in the  
New York market.

As for the white-lead market, so important

at this time of the year, a fair consumptive  
demand prevails for lead in oil, and, although  
small lots only are wanted, the business in  
the aggregate amounts to fair proportions.  
The product of corrodors shows but slight  
accumulation, and 6 cents, net, remains the  
bottom figure, while in some instances, ac-  
cording to size of order, as high as 6¼ cents  
is demanded. Dry is neglected, and quoted,  
nominally, 5¼ cents. Western is offering  
freely at 5½ cents and less, without attract-  
ing buyers. In other branches of the lead  
trade a steady, moderate demand for manu-  
factures is noticeable. In a word, the entire  
situation is devoid of exciting features, and,  
as we have said, is likely to remain so until  
September.

## The Evil of Speculation.

Another startling event disturbs the busi-  
ness world, but this time it is a collapse in  
speculation, with which legitimate business  
men have little sympathy. For months past  
powerful rival cliques in Chicago have been  
buying and selling lead—or, rather, dealing  
in futures, each taking their chances of a  
rise or fall. To aid them, banks in New  
York and Montreal have been called upon for  
large sums of money. On Saturday it so  
happened that Peter McGeoch, the "Lord  
of Lead," was unable to keep his engage-  
ments. As he himself charges, an old, trusted  
friend "went back" on him. He had evi-  
dently become so heavily loaded that he was  
abandoned in an extremity and left to floun-  
der alone. Immediately prices fell \$2 to  
\$2.50 per 100 pounds, carrying consternation  
into the ranks of the trade, and the losses  
figure up somewhere between \$3,000,000 and  
\$4,000,000, but, so far as known, not seri-  
ously involving parties in Chicago or else-  
where who were not directly concerned. Of  
course, the profits of others, on the "bear"  
side, may have correspondingly increased.  
Whether or no, Wall street looks on compla-  
cently. With lower prices, it is but reason-  
able to expect a renewed export demand and  
increased railroad earnings. For the same  
reason, other food products are liable to fall  
in sympathy. Already we notice the effects  
on the New York Produce Exchange, as well  
as in Western cities. The provision market  
all through is, to some extent, temporarily  
demoralized. To the industrial classes the  
failure at Chicago is good news. Specula-  
tion in food products, by artificially bolster-  
ing prices in the absence of a legitimate de-  
mand, is a crime that cannot be too seriously  
denounced, and society through all ranks has  
no tears to shed when punishment overtakes  
the guilty. It now becomes an interesting  
question, Where is this sort of thing to stop?  
Were it not for the fact that foreign markets  
inclined to drop correspondingly with our  
own, we might easily imagine that the day  
is breaking.

The curse of trade to-day is organized,  
systematic speculation. There is nothing in  
the present methods of manipulating commodi-  
ties on 'change which bears the least resem-  
blance to the legitimate ventures which old-  
time merchants were wont to make, based  
upon sound business principles and involving  
the risk of some part of their capital in un-  
dertakings depending for their success upon  
the correctness of their judgment and the  
accuracy of their forecast of the future. It  
is true all commerce is to some extent  
speculative; but speculation of this kind is a  
very different matter from that which is now  
planned and carried out in all departments of  
trade. The kind which most of our ex-  
changes seek to foster and encourage is  
gambling pure and simple. It should be  
discouraged by all who have substantial  
interests at stake, or who believe in main-  
taining old-time standards of business and  
public morals. All well-managed banks  
should refuse accommodations to gamblers,  
whether the game they play be "faro" or  
"margins," and, so far from countenancing  
rules for the regulation of speculation, men in  
legitimate business should refuse it coun-  
tenance or recognition, and force the gam-  
blers to depend for protection upon each  
other's honesty. We are well aware that  
these are old-fashioned views of business,  
and that the lively young men of the various  
mercantile exchanges will smile as they read,  
but, all the same, we speak the words of  
truth and soberness. The benefit which a  
trade will derive from speculation is about  
equivalent to that which an individual may  
expect from alcoholic stimulants. The more  
it is sought to surround gambling with safe-  
guards and regulations, the more strongly  
will it become entrenched as an evil, and the  
wider the range of its mischievous influence.  
Granted that it exists, and that it cannot be  
suppressed; we can at least leave it where  
it belongs—outside of legitimate trade and  
unrecognized as a part of our business system.  
There are many evils which cannot be sup-  
pressed and the existence of which must be  
admitted, but there is no reason why we  
should recognize and foster them or sur-  
round them with the safeguards of legal  
protection.

William Mason, one of the founders  
of the locomotive industry in the United  
States, died at Taunton, Mass., on the  
21st of May, at the age of 76. Mr.  
Mason's mechanical ability and mechan-  
ical good sense made him a marked man  
even among the exceptionally ingenious and  
mechanically inclined Yankees. The work  
which he did in modifying the early Amer-  
ican locomotive and producing the present  
standard type was very great—how great  
very few people, even in railway circles



know. The general public knew Mr. Mason only as a locomotive builder, but he in his time devoted a great deal of attention to cotton-spinning and other machinery. Many of our readers will remember that Mr. Mason was the first man who built a Farlie engine in this country, and the only one, if we remember rightly, who ever constructed a double-truck engine of this pattern. On these engines he adopted the Walschaert valve motion, from which it will be seen that he was not at all among the blind worshippers of the link. In regard to the great double-enders, the "Janus," built some eight or ten years ago, which had double boilers and two sets of cylinders, he said not long since that he should probably never make another like it, as it was impossible to make a practical engine on that plan, which, if a sufficient amount of water was carried, would weigh 180,000 pounds.

Every legitimate business interest outside of the railroad pooling combination called for free canals. It was all important that the State canals should be maintained, if only as a check to railroad greed. So the people believed when they carried through the constitutional amendment at the polls last autumn. We have now had several weeks of experience with free canals—enough to show that 50,000 tons of iron ore are under contract for removal from Port Henry to South Amboy, which the miners last year could not afford to ship. Grain transportation, however, is the principal item, for which the boatman gets this year  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 cents per bushel, against  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cents last year, when 1 cent toll had to be paid. Those who are familiar with canal navigation know that the difference indicates almost exactly the margin of profit, and therefore is an important factor. The action of the Legislature, therefore, sanctioned by the popular vote, was well taken. But it is not yet fully apparent that the renewed prosperity of the canals is due to exemption from tolls. The Erie Canal was officially opened this year May 7, or almost a month later than in 1882. Notwithstanding the disadvantage here noticed, the increase of business this year up to date is very decided and beyond expectations—something like 30 per cent. How much influence the removal of tolls has had on the movement of freight cannot as yet be determined, as the amount of grain received at Buffalo last month surpassed that of any corresponding month of former years, with a single exception, and consequently the railroads, as well as the canals, are more heavily pressed. With six railroads and a canal between Buffalo and New York, there will probably be little difficulty on this score hereafter.

Some mechanical engineers who have recently been investigating the operations of the electric-light companies with a view to the introduction of electric-light plants, have made most unfavorable criticisms upon the mechanical construction of some of the electric-light machinery at present turned out. Their complaint is that it is rough, carelessly made and poorly fitted, and that before a high efficiency can be attained by certain companies their methods of construction must be entirely remodeled, and the work done on the dynamos be as fine and as accurate, to say the least, as that to be found on engines which are to run at a similar rate of speed. Whether this criticism is just or not we cannot say from personal inspection of the machines in question, but we are inclined to think it has a fair foundation. On the other hand, we have heard high praise awarded to certain manufacturers for the care which they take in the construction of all parts of their dynamos.

At a recent meeting of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, Mr. Carl Hering read a short article on electrical units and formulae, giving a list of the units and the relations existing between them; showing how these relations can be combined into formulae containing any two or more of the units, for convenience of calculations. The units are: *ampere*, the unit of current strength; the *volt*, the unit of electromotive force; the *ohm*, the unit of resistance; the *coulomb*, the unit of quantity; the *farad*, the unit of capacity; the *volt-coulomb* (or *vomb*), the unit of work, and the *volt-ampere* (or *watt*), the unit of power. The relations are that an *ampere* is a volt divided by an *ohm*. An *ampere* is a coulomb per second. A *farad* is a coulomb divided by a volt. A *volt-coulomb* is a volt multiplied by a coulomb. A *volt-ampere* is a volt multiplied by an *ampere*. As these relations contain no coefficient other than unity, they express the relations between any quantities measured in terms of those units as well as the units themselves.

Now York has recently done some very remarkable things in the way of mechanical ornamentation, if we may so term it. One of her leading buildings has, as a striking characteristic on its most prominent corner, an immense whip-socket some 30 or 40 feet long, which is used, like any other whip-socket, to hold a whip, or, in this case, a gigantic flag-pole. The latest phase of the mechanical decoration movement is in the ornamentation for letter carriers, who have recently been provided with a nice granite-ware "maslin" kettle instead of a hat. This, judging by appearances, is screwed upon the head by means of a set-screw, the hexagonal head of which is allowed to project from the

top of the kettle, and while serving the useful purpose of adjusting the height of the hat upon the head, forms, when neatly lacquered, a pleasing ornament to the bottom of the kettle. If the letter carriers' brains must be boiled, it is evident that the cheapest way in the end will be to boil them in a kettle where burning to the bottom will not prove injurious.

The reported large contracts with New York firms for arms and ammunition on Chinese account, we are convinced have little foundation. Inquiries in the trade disclose no facts of importance beyond the manufacture of a lot of cartridges, of which a considerable proportion have already been shipped.

#### A Conference of Eastern Ironmasters.

The following call has been issued in accordance with an understanding among ironmasters interested:

PHILADELPHIA, June 22, 1893.

DEAR SIRS: At the meeting of the Eastern Ironmasters, held August 24, 1882, at Coney Island, the undersigned were appointed an Executive Committee, with power to call the mill owners together should anything arise requiring united action. Such an exigency is now upon us, and we hereby call a meeting of the manufacturers of bars, rods, bands, hoops, ovals, plates, sheets, and other shapes of extra iron, at the rooms of the American Iron and Steel Association, No. 261 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, on Thursday, June 21, at 2 o'clock p. m. The immediate object of the conference will be to form, if possible, a new schedule of prices above the base price for extra sizes of iron, so as to cover the changes made necessary by the new tariff law.

The schedule of extras adopted by the Eastern Iron Conference, October 16, 1879, has been widely adopted and almost universally observed, and it will be greatly to the advantage of manufacturers if they can adopt a uniform classification for the use of all interested to take its place, rather than leave each mill to adopt a separate schedule. The following are some of the reductions in the new tariff:

	Ct. lb.
Flats, larger than 6 x 3	7
Rounds and squares, larger than 2 inch	7
Flats, less than 6 x 3	4
Rounds, " " and not less than 7-16	4
Squares, " " 1/2" thicker than No. 20	4
Hoops, bands and scrolls, thinner than No. 20	3

This is sufficient to show mill owners that the present schedule of extras requires immediate revision. Please meet us at place and time mentioned, and notify the secretary of your intention to be present.

Very respectfully, &c.,  
OLIVER WILLIAMS, Chairman,  
A. H. PEACOCK,  
J. AVERY RICHARDS,  
JESSE L. COOLEY,  
WM. E. S. BAKER, Secretary.  
No. 122 Race street, Philadelphia.

We regret that a copy of this call did not reach us in time for publication in our last issue.

**Bullion Product of California.**—A correspondent of the San Francisco Bulletin, writing to that paper under date of June 5, says: "The report of Mint Director Burchard, as published in your columns June 4, contains two important errors which should not stand uncorrected. The first is the allotment to California of \$1,680,000 for the gold production for the year 1882. This is palpably a typographical error, as Nevada County alone has produced more than the total sum credited to our State. The presumption is that the director reported \$16,800,000, and that a figure was dropped in telegraphing, as Wells, Fargo & Co. give gold productions for the corresponding year at \$16,349,216. The assertion of the director that 'the suits brought to prevent the deposit of debris from placer and hydraulic mines have been virtually settled,' shows that the director has not taken pains to inform himself of the status of the debris litigation. As a matter of fact, there are now more suits pending and more injunctions enforced than at any time since the inception of this litigation in 1876, and if these injunctions were granted in the United States courts, *ex parte*, as in the State courts, the production of gold would be diminished to something like the erroneous figures attributed to Director Burchard."

**New York Bridge Trustees.**—Mayor Edson, Comptroller Campbell and President Reilly, of the Board of Aldermen, met on June 15, in the Mayor's office, and reappointed the New York members of the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Bridge, as follows: John T. Agnew, John G. Davis, Henry Clausen, J. Adriance Bush, Thos. C. Clarke, Chas. McDonald, H. K. Thurber and Jenkins Van Schaick. Alderman Reilly voted for Arthur Leary in place of Mr. Bush, Charles H. Haswell in place of Mr. McDonald, and John H. Mooney in place of Mr. Van Schaick.

Professor Maynard, in connection with his paper on the Bower-Barff process, presented at the meeting of the Mechanical Engineers, gave a great number of exceedingly beautiful samples of cast and wrought iron treated by the process. They consisted of pipes, ornamental work of various kinds, plates, panels and parts of railings of a great variety of forms. One of the most complete tests of the permanence of this coating was given by the Professor in his paper. It seems that in France cast-iron urns treated in this way have been in use for nearly a year, and are reported to stand without signs of rust. If this is true, it shows that the process is capable of giving cast iron a more perfectly protected coating than any other means at present known, for, certainly, nothing could be a more severe test for cast iron than use in a urinal. Even enameled ware fails when subjected to this test, and paint, galvanizing, tinning and all the ordinary processes have given out so soon as to be hardly worth mentioning.

## The Cleveland Meeting of the Mechanical Engineers.

Those who arrived in Cleveland before the meeting were impressed by the very complete arrangements made by the local committee and the secretary, and which tend so largely toward the success of a convention. The city was full of strangers, a very large medical convention having just closed, and many of the guests still lingering in town. Nature was in her holiday attire. Heavy rains had laid the dust in all directions, and railroad traveling was simply delightful. The broad and well-washed streets of Cleveland presented a remarkably handsome appearance. The day of the meeting opened with a regular Pittsburgh smoke, but during the afternoon a thorough downpour cleared up the atmosphere, and the weather for the evening session was all that could be desired. Fifty names appeared on the register at the hour when the meeting was called for, but the number was evidently considerably greater.

#### Opening Session, Tuesday Evening, June 12.

When the meeting was called to order in the rooms of the Voces Society at the City Hall, there were over 100 persons present. Mr. Holloway, the president of the local committee, introduced the Mayor, Mr. John H. Farley. Mr. Farley's speech was an exceedingly happy one, and was in substance as follows: "Gentlemen, members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers: I am unused to this kind of work, so that on this occasion you will excuse me if I do as you sometimes find it necessary to do, work from a template." Then producing his template in the form of a sheet of note paper, he proceeded to say:

"On behalf of the citizens of Cleveland, I have the honor of extending to you a cordial welcome. The presence in our city of so many eminent students in that most useful branch of science, mechanics, is a great compliment to Cleveland—a compliment for which I, as the representative of the city, heartily thank you. The selection of Cleveland as the place of this meeting is a compliment not altogether undeserved, because there are few cities in the United States that can more fully appreciate the grand results attained from the high state of perfection in mechanics, that mixed science which you profess and so ably represent. Our citizens will undoubtedly use every effort to reciprocate the honor you pay them, by making your stay among us as agreeable and pleasant to yourselves as the interchange of views by the members of your society must be beneficial to mankind in general. You will find in Cleveland many institutions that will repay a visit of the student concerned in the working of metals, and the various uses they bear to the economy of science, and the correlation and application of natural force to the general utility of man. As mechanical engineering is the great impulse of commerce and civilization, hemmed in by no narrow lines of code ethics, limited only by the laws of natural philosophy, your coming together in fraternal fellowship must result in stimulating study in the science of nature and force. Hoping that nothing will occur to mar your deliberations, and trusting (as I know they will) that our citizens—our manufacturers in particular—will do all in their power to aid you and make you comfortable, I again thank you."

President Leavitt, in reply, said: "Your Honor—On behalf of the society which I represent, I thank you most heartily for your kind words of welcome. When it was announced that the meeting of the society would be held in Cleveland, it was received with very general satisfaction, for we all had a desire to see the goodly city, the fame of which was in our ears, and our eyes have been gladdened by the sight. As you know, we are all a body of busy men; we are not given to much talk, and we prefer that our eloquence should be in deeds rather than words."

#### PAPERS READ.

The first paper of the evening was an exceedingly interesting one by Mr. J. F. Holloway, of the Cuyahoga Steam Furnace Co., of Cleveland, on the subject of "The Marine Engines of the Lakes, and a Device for Getting Them off their Dead Centers." Alluding to a little necessary delay in the opening of the meeting, Mr. Holloway prefaced his remarks by saying: "I have been called upon to read my paper and to show my little machine at this early stage of the evening for the purpose, I presume, of assisting this society in getting under way and in getting off of the center. I suppose it is true of large engineering societies as it is of large engines—I mean upright engineering societies and upright engines—they need some prying to get them off their centers."

The body of Mr. Holloway's paper is exceedingly interesting, and might have been expanded into three or four, treating of separate chapters of the same subject, and all of unusual interest, since they take up a subject which is really almost a sealed book to engineers along the seaboard. Mr. Holloway opened his paper proper by saying:

"The value of any mechanical device or invention is determined in the end by the necessity there is for its existence. A machine may be very elaborate and ingenious, but if the purpose for which it is created can be accomplished by a simpler and easier method, the complicated machine, no matter how carefully planned, will find no favor."

"This being so, it behooves me first to explain the necessity that exists for the device I have to show you, in order that the device itself may find favor in your eyes. The marine engines in use upon the lakes are almost entirely of the inverted direct-acting type. There are, however, a few side-wheel steamers with beam engines still used on the rivers emptying into the lakes, and for short coasting lines. By far the greatest number of these lake engines have single or tandem cylinders connected to a single crank. The next largest number in use are double engines attached to cranks placed at right angles with each other, while there are a few of the more lately-built double engines that have the cranks placed directly opposite each other. While I do not wish to occupy your time in reviewing generally the history of the lake marine engine, it is proper that

I should say that it was upon these inland waters that the value of the screw propeller was first recognized as being the best method of propelling vessels by steam. I do not mean that the first propellers used were built here, as they were doubtless first built and used upon the inland canal routes between Philadelphia and New York. But I do mean that while the largest engineering establishments of our country—such as the Allaire, Secor, Novelty, and other large works—were persistently engaged in fitting out ships with beam engines and side-wheels, the engine builders here in the West were building screw propellers to take the place of the beam engines then in use here. There were even instances where beam engines that had been superseded here by the more compact and more cheaply-run direct-acting propeller engine were taken out of vessels and sent East to be used in sea-going steamers."

The facts mentioned in these paragraphs are quite remarkable, and show that where our engineers have been called upon to design and construct marine engines, even under difficult conditions, there has been no lack of talent to aid it, or of means for carrying out the work. The early propeller engines were simple high-pressure cylinders on wooden posts or galleys frames which rested on keelsons on the hull and gave excellent results. Many an engineer of the later times has wished, when he has had an engine hammering and pounding away on an iron bed-plate, for the engine of the olden time running so smoothly on its cushioned wooden galleys frame. Mr. Holloway continued:

"At the first the marine engine here was not only simple and non-condensing, but it was small as well. Steam cylinders from 16 to 20 inches bore were the rule. The vessels in which they were used ranged from 275 to 350 tons burden. These small boats, with their small engines, were at that time sufficient to accommodate all the business other than that done in sailing vessels. The growth of the country westward, however, soon gave an impetus to vessel building, and for many years there was a sharp rivalry between larger sailing craft and larger propellers. It is only recently that sail vessels may be said to have yielded to the inevitable, and now, as consorts or tow barges, very many of them do their sailing at the end of a tow-line. The day is past when any large-sized vessel dependent upon sails alone will be built upon these inland seas."

"The small propellers have in their turn been supplanted by steamers of 270 feet length, 40 feet beam, 20 feet depth of hold. The little 'Puffing Billy' engines, whose snorting exhaust used to awaken the echoes along the heavily-timbered shores of these lakes years ago, have now given place to massive, cumbersome, compound engines, which, in addition to the large and heavily-laden hulls within which they are placed, often drag behind them one or more equally large and equally heavily loaded sailing vessels, or tow barges, and, so far as appearances would indicate, they do it without much effort. Unfortunately for both engine builders as well as vessel builders, while there has been such a large increase in the size of vessels, and in their engines and boilers, there has not been a corresponding increase in the width, and the capacity of the harbors of the lakes, or in the depth of the water at their entrances, or in the rivers connecting the chain of lakes together. In consequence of this fact, the large increase in the carrying capacity of the present vessels has been obtained mainly by adding to their length and beam, rather than to the depth of the hold. Since the strength of a hull is largely dependent upon the depth of its sides, and since the overhead arches, formerly used, have been found in late years to interfere with loading iron ore and lumber, the difficulty now is to build a hull that shall be strong enough to carry, in addition to its own cargo, the power required for its own propulsion as well as the power required to tow one or two vessels of the same tonnage behind it."

At certain speeds, where the number of strokes comes into unison with the time of vibration of the hull, of course, the shaking is a very serious matter. With double engines, having cranks at right angles, the conditions are not improved. Not only are the cranks thus placed more difficult to balance, but besides the up-and-down thrust they have an athwart-side motion, which produces a severe side thrust on the main journal bearings when the pins are on the same side. This side strain, in addition to and merging into the up-and-down motions, results in a sinuous motion of the hull, more destructive than the simple up and down first referred to. This, of course, is greatly increased when the engines are to any extent out of balance. The Amazon, in 1873, a twin-screw propeller, 240 feet long, 40 feet beam and 23 feet depth of hold, was the first successful attempt made to overcome this vibration. At 75 revolutions a minute the engine worked almost to perfection, so well had the reciprocating parts been balanced and the power distributed between the cylinders. There was so little vibratory motion that it was almost impossible to tell, in standing at the bow, whether the engines were in motion. A large propeller recently built, having fore-and-aft compound engines coupled at right angles, was so violently shaken during the first season that it was evident she could not long withstand the strain. At the close of her first season the cranks were taken out and placed beside each other. The result was that the hull no longer suffered from the motion of the engine."

This closed the historical portion, which it would seem desirable to have resumed at some future day. Growing out of the increasing size of these boats, the crowded state of the harbors, and the number of bridges through which vessels have to pass, the perfect control of the engines at all times becomes necessary, and, as the single crank or cranks placed beside each other are the best for the engines, the danger of being caught on the dead center is considerable, and a device for rapidly throwing them off is imperative. The machine which Mr. Holloway described is at once simple and effective. In its operation it consists of a steam cylinder having a piston-rod attached to a straight block with grooved face. The grooved wheel on the main shaft engages this face whenever an eccentric pulley just back of the block is turned into position.

By admitting steam into the cylinder and driving the piston up and down, the wheel with which it is engaged and the main shaft are turned through a small angle sufficient to carry the engine off from the centers. The handles for working this apparatus are brought close to the steam reversing gear of the main engine. Therefore, when the engine is found to be fast, the valves are set properly, steam admitted to the main cylinders, and the auxiliary or starting cylinder put in motion. As its work is completed the cam-wheel rolls out of gear, the main engine goes on as usual, and the steam cylinder takes care of the starting block. The whole apparatus was exceedingly simple, and was illustrated by a neatly engraved diagram, which, for convenience, was distributed among the members. It was rather unfortunate, and we hardly understand the reason, that no discussion followed this exceedingly interesting paper.

#### WINDING AND PUMPING MACHINERY OF THE ANTHRACITE COAL REGIONS.

The next paper on the list was that by Mr. Howell Green, entitled "History and Development of the Winding and Pumping Machinery of the Anthracite Coal Regions." Mr. Green not being present, the paper was read by the secretary. Mr. Green's paper was largely devoted, as its title would indicate, to historical matters, and was treated in such a way as to be exceedingly suggestive to the modern engineer, who has to encounter to-day, with scarcely changed conditions, the same difficulties that were met by the first engineers who attempted to handle the excessively acid waters of the coal regions. The following extracts will give an idea of the scope of the paper:

"Very early in the progress of mining below water level it was seen that means had to be provided to hoist from 300 to 400 feet at one lift, so as to get space for breasts, to work the coal profitably, and the quantity of water to be raised was found to run into hundreds of gallons per minute. From the first, both slopes and shafts were used. The mine cars in the anthracite regions have always been large, starting in the early days at about 40 cubic feet capacity, and standing now at about 96 feet. The wheels of the cars have been from 12 to 20 inches diameter; 18 inches is now most generally used. The axles have been from 2 to 2 3/4 inches diameter. The gauge of the mine railroads varies from 30 inches to 48 inches; in a few cases it is 4 feet 8 1/2 inches. At first chains were used for hoisting, and some of the early shafts had hemp ropes. Flat chains, or, rather, three chains side by side, with alternate large and small links, and with blocks of wood through the large link, were tried. These flat chains were wound on flanged spools like a ribbon. Iron and steel bands were used, but the conclusion of the greatest number now is to use iron-wire round ropes. Not that iron-wire ropes are better than steel-wire ropes, but questions of endurance, cost, &c., in relation to wear and weight and work in acid water, have rather been against steel-wire ropes. In a shaft no rope rollers are used, but on a slope—particularly one with varying pitches—the question of a roller to protect the rope is most important. While it has been a vexed question, yet after trial of hundreds of forms and many kinds of material, it seems to be considered that a hardwood roller about 8 inches diameter, truly turned and kept clean and clear, is the best for ordinary strains. It was soon found out, in using wire ropes, that the life of the rope was much lengthened by making the drums and sheaves of large diameter—the rope must spring around the drums and sheaves, and spring back, and not receive a permanent set."

"In regard to the first steam engines, we read with amusement that they were used for hoisting and for pumping the water, combining both duties, and were single high-pressure engines with flat bed-plates bolted on wooden frames. The steam cylinder would be perhaps 18 inches diameter, with 6 feet stroke. A cast-iron crank-shaft, with perhaps a 10-inch journal, carried the heavy fly-wheel. On the crank-shaft there was a pinion 30 inches diameter, of 3 inches pitch and 12 inches face, which geared into a drum-wheel 60 inches diameter, which was just above the pinion. Just under the pinion was the pumping wheel, 8 feet diameter; this pumping wheel had holes in it to receive a pin for working the pump. The drum shaft was of cast iron, with perhaps an 8-inch journal; its body, as that of almost all other shafts then, was octagonal, and the drum-wheel spiders and almost everything else was staked and keyed on by the methods of the old millwrights. The drum was from 5 to 8 feet diameter, and about 11 feet long, and was formed of hardwood lagings bolted on spiders. To wind a car 400 feet with a 5-foot drum, the engine would have to make about 48 revolutions, which it was made to do in about one minute. The pumping shaft was also of cast iron, with perhaps 11-inch journals; and the drum-shaft was lifted in and out of gear by a strong wooden lever, one of the pillow blocks being hinged for that purpose. The pump was, of course, near the bottom of the mine, perhaps 400 feet away. It was a lifting pump, 16 inches bore, 7 feet stroke, fitted with a bucket faced with sole leather, the rod of which went through a stuffing-box in a goose-neck, or turn-piece. Up the slope or shaft went a wooden rod, 8 inches square, carried on flanged rollers. The rod was spliced with plates 4' x 3/4' x 10 feet, and on top of the slope or shaft were one or more rocking bobs provided with great balance boxes."

No small amusement was created in the society by the description of the valve-gear of one of these engines, which consisted of two eccentrics and rods with hooks on the ends, which the engine man lifted in and out of gear with his feet, leaving his hands free for full control of the slide-valve. This was operated by a long bar. A stove-pipe damper throttle-valve regulated the supply of steam. One can hardly credit the fact that 30 years ago such a pumping and hoisting engine was considered first-class work, and it seems hardly credible that there are many of these old fellows yet at work. "Such an apparatus was subject to many mishaps. With a heavy fly-wheel whirling around, and the slide-valve at the will of the engine man, unnecessary strain could be easily thrown against the engine, and broken cranks and shafts were often the consequence. Also, if in lifting



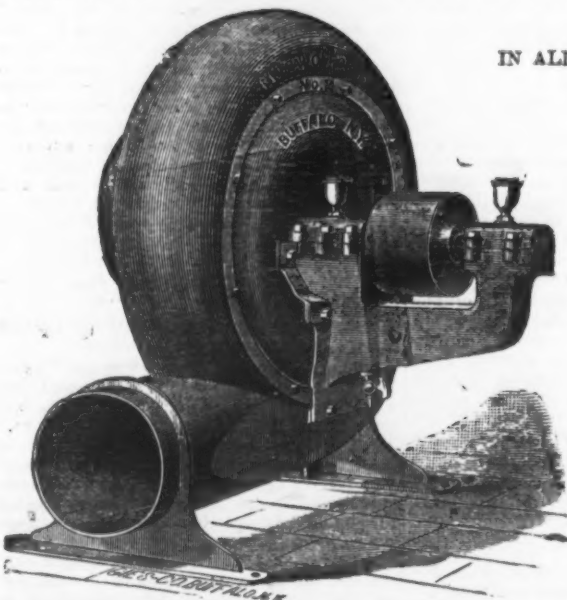
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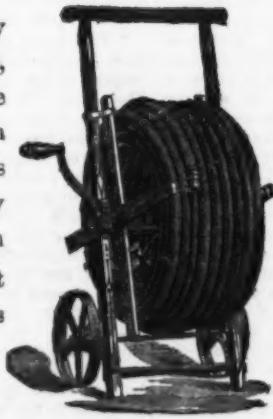
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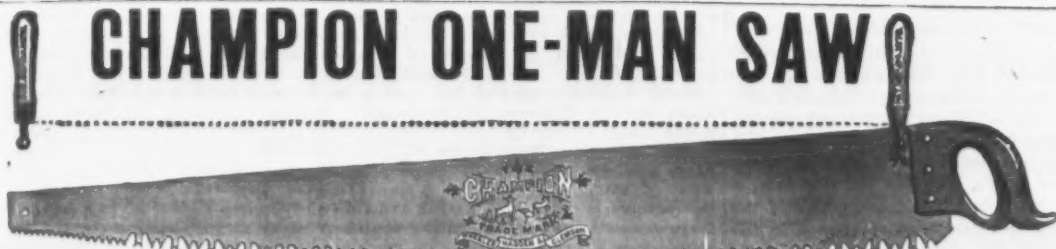
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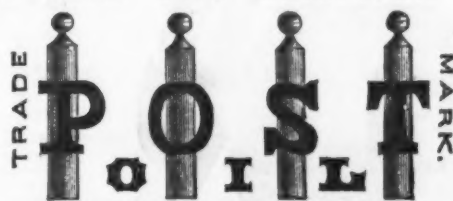
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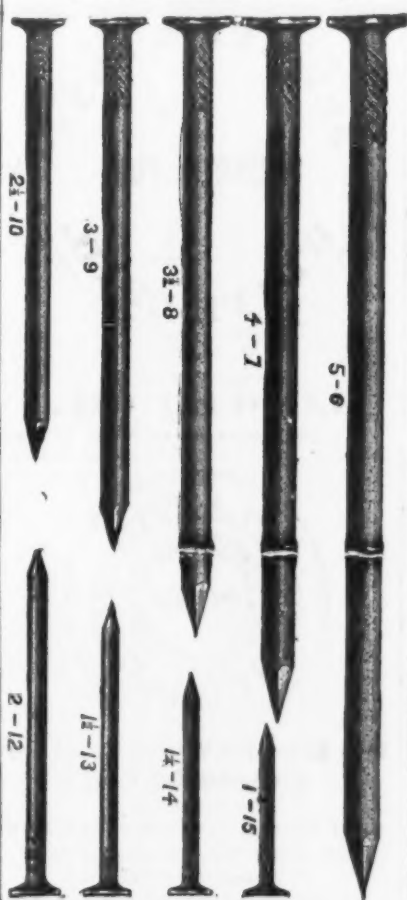
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the drum out of gear it was not securely scotched, the unbalanced end of the chain would fly down the slope or shaft. When it was necessary to connect or disconnect the pump rods, the rocking bobs had to be securely blocked, and sometimes the assistant forgot to take out the last block—and then trouble came. This state of affairs was much improved by putting up another engine, so that one engine could pump, and the other one could hoist. Next it was discovered that two engines could be attached to the same shaft, at right angles to each other, so that no fly-wheel would be wanted. Yet on some of the first pairs so built, small fly-wheels were put on—probably to verify Darwin's theory of gradual development. The first of these double engines had two eccentric hooks to each engine, making four in all which the engine man had to lift with levers, now that he had two engines to handle, and it took a lively man to do it; but since there was little or no fly-wheel, no great danger was incurred. The engine man therefore hooked one engine in and started the load with the free engine. The double engines with four hooks did very well. Next, links for valves were introduced, and they are now generally used.

"It was found that hoisting and pumping engines in which cog-wheels were used were subject to noise and breakdowns, and as the miners went deeper it was found that the drums keyed immediately on the crank-shaft of a double engine did the best. This change, of course, involved larger steam cylinders, and, in the place of wood-faced drums, cast-iron ones were made, which soon led to the use of spiral grooves to keep the ropes from chafing. Still further, these drums were made conical, so that when the heavy load was to be started the small end of the cone did the pulling, while the empty large end, if in a shaft) pulled by the large end of the cone on the other side. This arrangement is the best yet tried—and so the hoisting engines stand to-day. These are strongly built double engines, on strong stone foundations, with steam cylinders from 20 to 40 inches diameter and stroke from 4 to 6 feet. There are heavy wrought-iron shafts, spiral-grooved cast-iron conical drums, steam brakes and steam reversing gear, with appliances to prevent overwinding, with safety catches and detaching gear; and, barring waste of steam, the world can show no better hoisting engines than are in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania."

Many a mechanical engineer will appreciate the difficulties which the author describes as follows:

"Perhaps the most discouraging situation for a mechanical engineer to be called to in the anthracite coal regions, is to have to provide the remedy for an old drowning mine, where the vein is large, the pitch steep, the top bad, the mine full of fire-damp, the timbers old and rotten, and the water so full of acid that it will eat up a shovel in a night, with the air so close that one can hardly breathe. On these occasions darkness and danger are our companions, and great expense and long delay are our inevitable followers."

"The first mining pumps used were of the Cornish pattern—the old drawing lift, with an iron bucket faced with leather. This leather was held in place by a wrought-iron or brass ring which nearly fitted the working barrel, and was driven full of wooden pegs. If the working barrel was made of hard iron and the length of the rod nicely adjusted, so that the leather would come slightly above the bore in the up stroke, and if the water was clean and not acid, and the lift not too heavy—then this is still the best mining pump ever made. The red-ash veins were the first ones worked below water level, and the water in red-ash mines will not, as a rule, eat up iron; but when slopes and shafts had to be sunk on the white-ash veins, there the lifting pumps would not do. The sulphuric acid in the water ate them up. Some brass-working barrels and brass rods were tried, but they were expensive and short-lived. Open-topped force pumps were made, hoping that they could be lubricated and made to stand, but the general conclusion arrived at, about the year 1848, was that plunger pumps must be tried. Since that time they have been generally used, and the reason for their longer life is that plungers can be lubricated and the corroding action of the acid water lessened. As the first lifting pumps were worked by rods running up to the engine, quite a change in balance boxes occurred when lifting pumps were changed to plungers, and about this time quite a number of double-acting pumps were put in. These pumps, of course, discharged water at each pass of the piston, and had four valves instead of two. About the year 1854 or 1855 the Bull engine and pump were introduced. These did away with cog-wheels for pumping, as the pump rods were fastened to the piston-rod of the steam engine. No fly-wheel or crank was necessary on these engines, since the cylinder was made large enough to lift the rods, which were made heavy enough to force up the water on their downward stroke."

"These engines and pumps have been a real success. They had to be very strong, from the nature of the case. The valve gear is beautiful. It is the result of 100 years' experience in Cornwall, from whence the idea came. The engine man has to be a man of good judgment, as he deals with very heavy weights. Yet, as regards consumption of steam, the two-valved engine of the anthracite coal region compares very unfavorably with the three-valved Bull engines of Cornwall."

"About the year 1860 steam pumps began to be used in the coal mines. The great departure being in bringing the engine and pump together, and from the unfortunate nature of the case, the engine had to be taken down in the mine 500 to 1000 feet from the boilers. Here commenced another trouble, which is the great loss of the power of the steam so conveyed. Strange as it may seem, the old war between acid water and pistons and rods had to be fought over again, and the acid water came out ahead with steam pumps, just as it did with lifting pumps."

"This paper must be too short to go over all the questions of steam pumps, with their valve movements—positive, isochronal and steam-moved—of pumps alternate and recip-

rocating, with bronze linings, rods and valves; with roomy valve-chambers and easily changed seatings, &c., with air chambers and air lodgments, together with questions of relative size, speed and portability. To pump acid water, a plunger seems the best, because it can be protected by grease (in cold water), and the action of a piston on the lining of a pump will even hasten the corroding action of the acid water; that steam carried 500 to 1000 feet, in pipes ever so well covered, will lose much of its power; that ordinary high-pressure steam engines, using such steam and making no use of the principles of expansion, are great wasters of steam; that centrifugal pumps, even with short lifts, will hardly do for acid water; the ponderous engines of Cornwall, or the splendid examples lately set up at our American water works, are too costly for the changing locations incident to anthracite coal mining; and that while, to men who daily see hundreds of tons of good culm thrown away, small savings of steam seem foolishness; yet in view of the great fact that in the best steam pumps in the coal regions the fuel used is four times as much as it might be, there seems room for improvement on that score. As the pumps now stand in the anthracite coal region, those which use the least fuel are the old plungers, worked by engines on the surface, using cog-wheels and pinions. Next in point of economy are the Bull pumps. Then follow various kinds of steam pumps—good, bad and indifferent. None use the principle of expansion to a very great degree, and the duty done by 100 pounds of coal may be stated at from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 pounds of water raised one foot high."

"The pumping of the water of the anthracite mines is an ever-increasing trouble. The mine widens, the outcrops fall in, and, as the quantity of coal to be had decreases, the water increases. For this state of affairs there is no help. Some colliers in the middle coal field use, at certain seasons of the year, 100 tons of coal per day for pumping water, to raise 8,000,000 of gallons in 24 hours from a depth of 400 feet. When wet seasons come on, the water in the mines gets more trouble on account of acid which is extracted from the rubbish left in the mine. The water of the mines is not good for use for purposes of condensation, because, when heated to 100°, it acts on iron with increased force. Fresh water gets more and more scarce, and water is brought long distances by pipes, and often in cars, to supply the boilers, and in some districts good artesian wells are bored. Here, however, another trouble comes in: if the holes go down too deep, the mountain limestone is reached, and lime is more troublesome than sulphuric acid. But by mixing the two together, under intelligent care, a good water is obtained."

"And so the situation is. The question that to-day troubles the minds of many engineers in the coal regions is, How had we best build our mine pumps—shall we stick to the old method of a plain steam pump, with no expansion or condensation, because it is so handy to put in and take out? So far as the pump alone is concerned, the answer seems 'yes'; but when we see the long row of boilers, and immense piles of fuel for them, it calls attention to the other side of the question."

ECONOMY IN LUBRICATION OF MACHINERY.

Mr. Comly's paper on "Economy in Lubrication of Machinery" was next read. His matter was very suggestive, and showed in a conclusive manner how great a saving may at times be effected by a proper selection of the lubricating material. The paper was as follows:

"In large manufacturing establishments the sum of money paid annually for lubricants is surprisingly great, and where oil is the lubricant the quantity is a very large percentage of the total amount purchased. Being convinced that such was the case, I endeavored to ascertain the actual quantity of lubricating material used in a given time on the various machines and in the various shops connected with the establishment at which I am engaged. The result was startling, and the investigation proved that one of the most extravagant users of oil was the vertical engine used for driving the principal part of the works used for machine shop and bridge construction, &c. The engine was nominally 60 horse-power, with 16-inch cylinder and 18-inch stroke, with an 84-inch diameter pulley, making 106 revolutions per minute, but the indicator cards were evidence of the fact that frequently 85 horse-power were produced by the engine. Owing to the fact that the engine was overloaded, the crank-shaft bearings and crank-pin gave much trouble by heating, and occasionally it was necessary to stop the engine during working hours. The expense for lubricating oils on this engine during the month of May, 1882, was at the rate of 3 3/8 cents per hour of the time during which the engine was actually running. The oil used was comolubric No. 2, costing 65 cents per gallon, and the specific gravity of the oil was 26 1/2 Beaumé. During June the oil cost was 3 3/8 cents per hour run, and the engine was running 120 hours per week, or an average of 20 hours per day."

"About the 1st of July I commenced using No. 10 lubricine grease on the crank-shaft bearings, instead of oil, and the result was that the engine-shaft bearings worked much cooler, gave no more trouble, and the cost of the lubricating material was reduced to 1 1/8 cents per hour run. The crank-pin at this time was still using oil, and continued so doing until October 9, when I had a copper box attached to the stub-end of the connecting-rod close to the crank-pin, with a 1/2-inch tube connecting the box with the crank-pin bearing, and No. 4 lubricine grease packed in it; No. 10 lubricine was also applied to the guides for the cross-head, the result being that the cost of lubrication was still further reduced to 1 1/8 cents per hour run, and the guides and pin worked much cooler than they did previously when oil was used. A mixture of palm grease and beeswax in proper proportions will compare favorably in efficiency to the lubricine grease. I have also found mixtures of beeswax and tallow or beeswax and suet to work very well as lubricants for shafting. The relative proportions must, of course, be made to suit circumstances."

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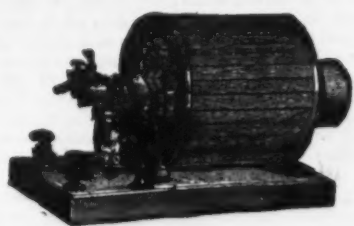
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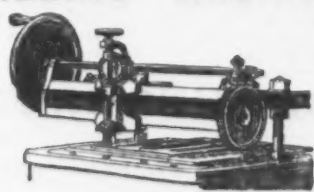
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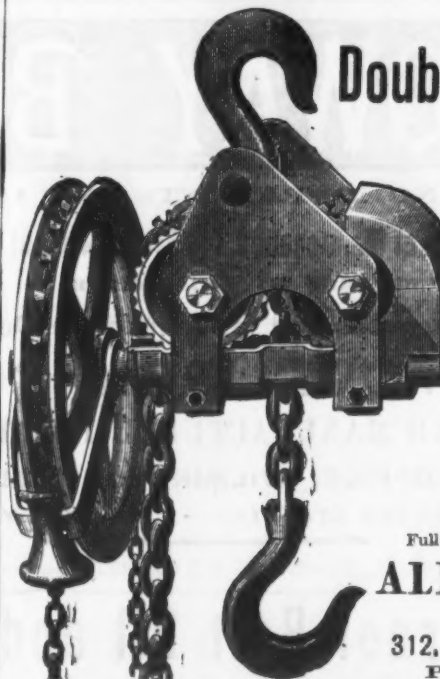
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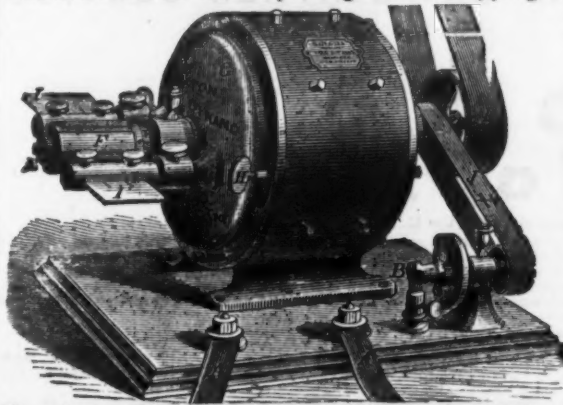
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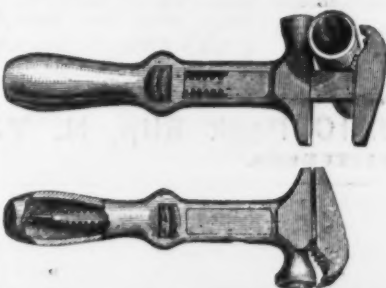
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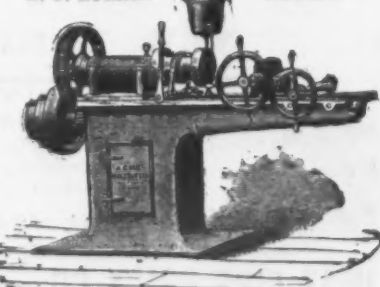


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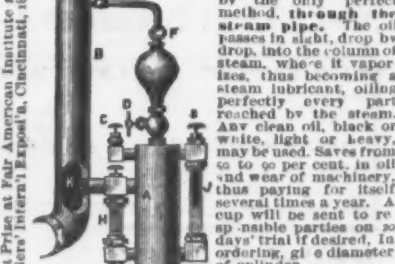
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#### DISCUSSION UPON MR. COMLY'S PAPER.

A decidedly interesting discussion followed the reading of Mr. Comly's paper.

The President said: Discussion on this paper is in order, and the Chair hopes that there will be some discussion. It seems as though Mr. Holloway did not get the society "off the center," and it needs "lubrication," which I suppose will come after a while, and if we can run without "dry boxes" I hope there will be something said.

Mr. Grant inquired: I would like to ask the gentleman whose lubricine he uses?

Mr. Comly: The lubricine which we have used principally is sold, and I think manufactured, by R. J. Chard, No. 6 Burling Slip, New York.

Mr. Grant: We have it in our machines—the same thing—and it has run perfectly cool for 18 months. We have not used a drop of oil. We had one very quick rolling machine for 18 months, and it has been perfectly cool; we have not used a drop of oil on the line.

Mr. Comly: This engine, as I said, was giving constant trouble, and it seemed as if it was overloaded. Sure enough, it proved that by our indicator cards, and we were agitating the subject of putting in a heavier engine right away, when I finally struck on this mode of lubrication, and instead of the main bearing running hot all the time and keeping water on it, we removed all supplies of water, and it runs perfectly cool now, so that you can scarcely feel any heat there at all. The metal was brass originally, and ran hot, and in heating, of course, the tendency was to inclose on the shaft. The box was made in two halves, divided on a horizontal line, and of course, after being heated and inclosed on the shaft, it had to be loosened by scraping, and that was done several times, but it still ran hot. Then there was an anti-friction metal composed of lead and antimony put in, which we found to be a very excellent anti-friction metal. But it still heated. Then we used very heavy bodies of cylinder oil, the heaviest we could get, and it still ran hot. But, when we put the lubricine in, it seemed to remove all difficulty.

Mr. Grant: I would like to ask the gentleman what the small springs are?

Mr. Comly: The small spring is on a little copper rod which Mr. Chard furnishes with his cups. The end of the rod passes through a little cap, and the spring presses against the under side of the cap; that cap is adjustable on the top of the cup by means of a screw. The cap is to be screwed down just enough to produce sufficient pressure on the rod to keep the necessary friction on the rod. We generally prefer, wherever it is possible, just to put on a plain funnel-shaped cup with a 1¼ or a 1½ inch hole, if the bearings will allow it, and just put a rod inside of that, and nothing more, and may be once a day a man will go around and push grease on it.

Mr. Grant: Our cups are made with similar wire, but no spring; a 2½ shaft, running 120 revolutions per minute—we have one that is running, I guess, nearly 2000—never touched the rod since it was built.

Mr. Comly: When once the lubricine is well worked in and the dirt worked out, it just seems to lie there and keep the parts from touching each other, and they run with very little friction. One of the members asked me if I had taken any cards to indicate the difference in horse-power before applying the grease and afterward, and I remarked that I had not. The decrease of temperature of the bearings would seem to be sufficient evidence that the friction was decreased.

Mr. Woodbury's remarks, which we give below, bring out the fact still more clearly that it is absolutely necessary, in selecting the oil, to consider the kind of machinery and the pressures and speeds at which the bearings are to be run; otherwise it might be supposed that the conclusions reached, from a consideration of the facts given by the two gentlemen, would be in diametrical opposition:

#### COST OF FRICTION.

Mr. Woodbury: Mr. President—The expense of an oil or a grease does not represent the whole cost which should be charged to friction. With a grease the consumption is less, and the cost with the lubricant is much less than with oil, but in those cases where I have had some personal knowledge, the friction has been increased by the substitution of the grease for the oil. This winter I went to a Fall River mill where the predecessor

of the present agent had invested \$2400 in providing all his shafts with grease cups, and was using a grease which required a change but once in six months. The cost of that grease was much less than oil, but he had suspected that the friction was excessive, because he knew what power the rest of his machinery ought to take, and his mill was using more power than those of his associates. And yet he hesitated to make a change, because it would cost \$1400 to provide the journals of those shafts with oil-cups and he would have to abandon the grease-cups, making \$3900 in dead plant upon the oil and the grease-cups. However, the grease-cups were removed from the hangers of the line of the shafting on one side of the carding-room, and replaced by oil-cups. Some time after this change had been made I made some observations and found that, upon the side of the room where the shafting was lubricated with oil, the temperature of the frictional surface in the hangers was only 8° greater than that of the room. On the other side of the same room, on a similar line of shafting running the same amount of machinery, doing the same work, and under the same supervision, but lubricated with grease, the heat of the frictional surface of the journal was 38° greater than the temperature of the room. Now, that excess of heat means, of course, that the work of the engine was converted into heat, and it is certainly an expensive way to warm a room (laughter), and, of course, it also represented an additional amount of coal under the boiler. The frictional surface was moving at the rate of about 175 feet a minute, and the pressure was 14 pounds to the square inch. I took samples of these lubricants, and tried them on my oil-testing machine, and found that the friction of the grease at 123°, 14 pounds pressure per square inch, 175 feet velocity a minute, was 33 per cent. greater than the friction of the oil at the same pressure and velocity, and at a temperature of 98°. Supposing that difference would hold good, it would warrant almost any expenditure in changing the oil-cups and in using oil in place of grease. However, in using a grease or any lubricant, of course it is necessary to use one whose viscosity is enough to enable it to adhere to the surface of the metal. If the journal is rough or out of line, or the pressure or velocity excessive, why, as a lesser evil, then a grease or a less fluid oil must be used. In the case of Mr. Comly's 26-gravity oil was a rather light oil to use upon the engine. A 24 Beaumé is what is more generally used. In the light pressure of the machinery used in cotton manufactories there has been a great change to the lighter oils within the last few years—to those of lighter gravity and more fluidity—because the diminution of friction warranted a greater expenditure of oil. One of the mills in Manchester, N. H., was using its water privilege to its full limit. They changed their oil from about 28 Beaumé to 32, and the friction diminished to such an extent that the production increased 5 per cent. with the same consumption of water. In another mill I suggested as most suitable for the condition of lubrication in that instance that a mixture of sperm and paraffine be substituted for the mixture of lard and paraffine oils then used. Some time later the agent of the establishment told me that he didn't know what "coefficient of friction" meant, but he had followed my advice and now ran his mill with the gates to his water-wheels partly shut. (Laughter.) Had I known that this question was coming up in this form, I should have certainly brought some of my note-books with me; but I trust that by the time of the next meeting you will make observations on your own account, noting the cost and the quantity of the lubricant. For the heavier bearings and those running at excessive velocities, the heavy greases must be used as the only method in which the work can be satisfactorily and safely lubricated. (Applause.)

At the close of the evening session on Tuesday those in attendance partook of a savory repast which had been prepared by the ladies in the room adjoining the one occupied during the meeting. The occasion was a very pleasant one, and everything passed off in a manner highly satisfactory to those concerned.

#### Wednesday's Session.

The first paper read in the morning session of Wednesday was by Mr. W. F. Durfee, of Bridgeport, Conn., on the subject of "Balancing Vertical Engines." Following it was a paper by Mr. H. R. Towne, of Stamford, Conn., on "Crane—A Study of Types and Details." "Beton in Combination with Iron as a Building Material," a paper by Mr. W. C. Ward, of Portchester, N. Y., was next presented. This paper, which describes a novelty to many in building construction, narrated at the outset the incident which led the writer to the experiments leading up to the construction he described. After speaking at length of the manner of using in buildings, Mr. Ward presented the following facts as conclusions derived from his experience:

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4. That the sanitary requirements of complete ventilation are plainly within the reach of this system of construction.
5. (and finally). That it affords a perfect defense against the interior destruction of buildings by fire.

The afternoon session on Wednesday was called to order at 2.30 o'clock. Prof. G. W. Maynard, of New York, read a paper on the "Bower-Barff Process for Rustless Iron." We gave the substance of a similar paper read before the Boston meeting of the Mining Engineers some months since, so that the topic is one with which our readers are already somewhat familiar. Mr. W. J. Baldwin, of New York City, next read a paper on "Standard Cast-Iron Fittings." Mr. Wm. Kent, of Pittsburgh, read a paper on "The Evaporation Value of Various Coals," in

which a number of very interesting and important tables were presented.

Prof. J. B. Webb, of Cornell University, read a paper on the subject of "The Reuleaux Kinematic Models." At the conclusion of this paper a telegram from the Stevens Institute of Technology, signed by Professor Thurston, announcing that the degree of Doctor of Engineering had been conferred on President Leavitt, was read. This met with great applause, and continued until Mr. Holloway introduced the gentleman referred to as Doctor, who stepped forward and said: "Gentlemen: We have in our family a doctor of medicine and a doctor of divinity, but this is the first instance that we can claim a doctor of engineering. I owe the honor in a great degree to the society which I represent. I thank you." The society then adjourned until Thursday evening at 7.30, the day being devoted to excursions.

Wednesday evening the members attended a reception tendered by citizens of Cleveland, through a committee consisting of well-known gentlemen, at the Opera House. Six hundred invitations were issued, and nearly that number of guests responded. The visitors were very freely introduced to the assembled citizens, and passed the evening in an entirely social manner, while music, very finely rendered, made the occasion still more enjoyable. All formality, so far as possible, was avoided, and there was a corresponding freedom from restraint. The beautiful interior of the Opera House was brilliantly illuminated, and the live coloring of the boxes and proscenium were vividly brought out. A temporary flooring was laid from the footlights of the stage to the parquet circle for the convenience of promenaders. The stage was beautifully set. Chandeliers depended from the flies, which were concealed behind wavy masses of parti-colored gauze. The wings were concealed behind two elaborate reproductions of modern mansions. To the rear, and facing the auditorium, was a fanciful little cottage with a jutting portico. At 10 o'clock the curtain was rolled back from the stage, disclosing tables laden with choice delicacies, while the rear scene was divided and brought into view the Arion Quartette. Lunch was then served. Selections were sung by the quartette at intervals during the remainder of the evening.

Further particulars of the meeting, which was in every way the most successful this society has yet had, will be given next week.

#### The New York Metal Exchange Membership.

There seems to be quite a "boom" in seats just now, and we understand that members of the cotton, coffee and other exchanges are coming in to take a hand in the transactions on margins, and "show the boys how it is done." On Monday the members decided to create and sell 40 new seats at \$250 per seat, provided the applications therefor be made on or before July 1; 50 seats at \$350 per seat before July 15, and 50 seats at \$500 a seat if the applications are made before September 1. After the latter date the initiation fee will be \$1000. Each member elected is entitled to one share of the stock of the concern. Applications were filed on Monday for 41 of the new seats. On Tuesday 12 seats were sold at \$300 each and two at \$325. Five or six more were sold on Wednesday at \$325 and one at \$340. All the \$250 seats having been taken, there are now applications for 23 of the 50 which are to be sold for \$350. On and after June 25, change hours will be from 11 to 11.30 a. m., and 1.30 to 2 p. m., with a daily call at 11 a. m.

The Secretary has issued the following list of officers and members of the New York Metal Exchange, corrected to date:

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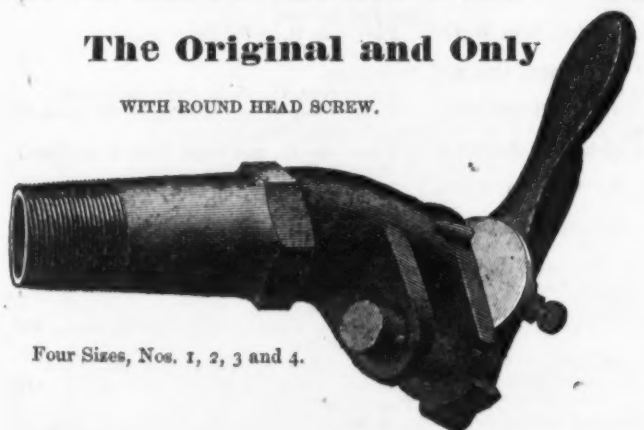
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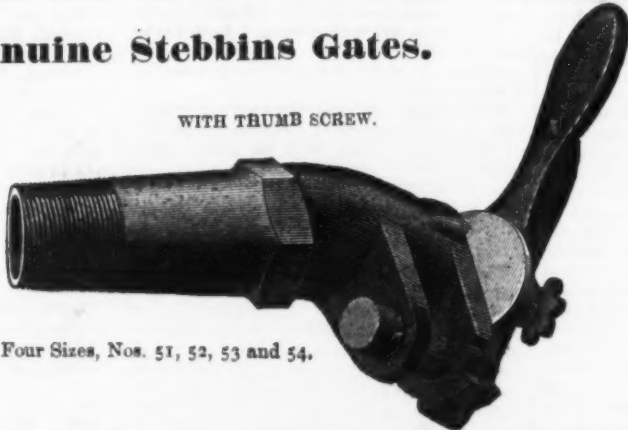
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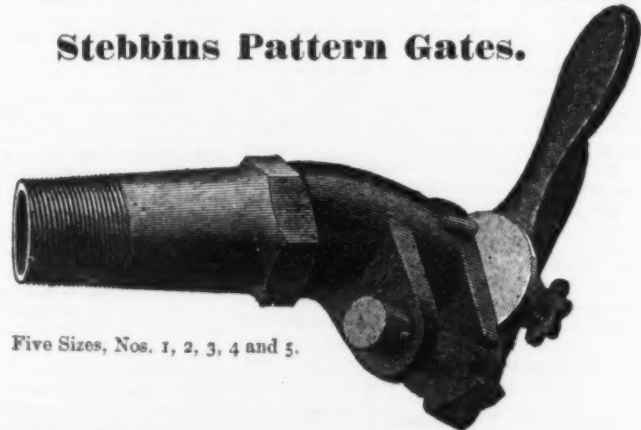
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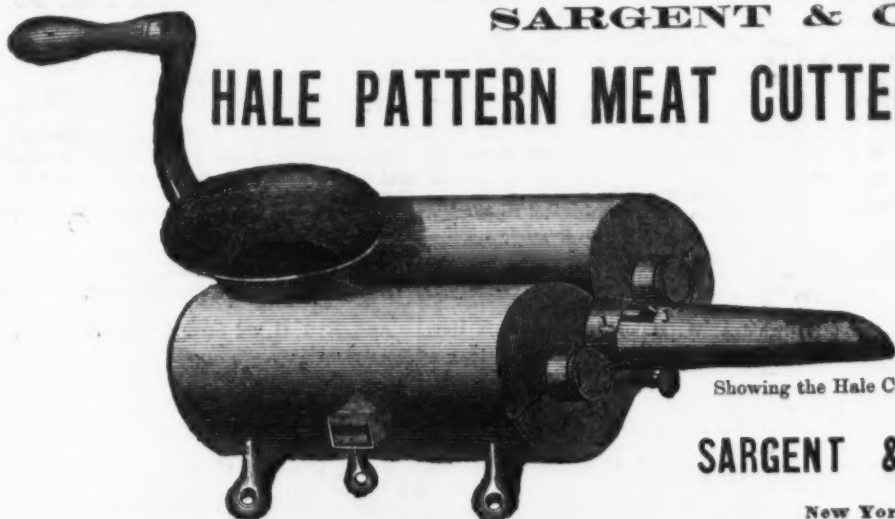
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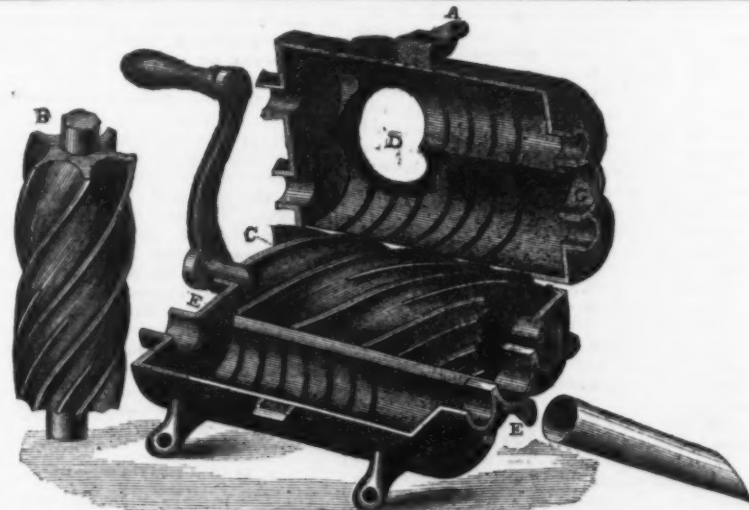
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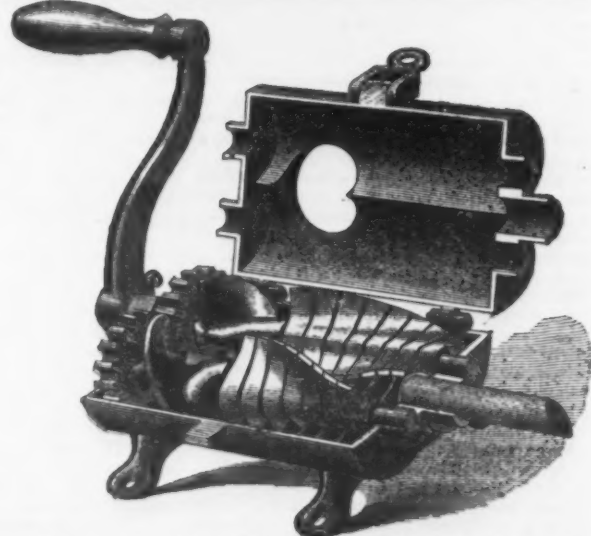
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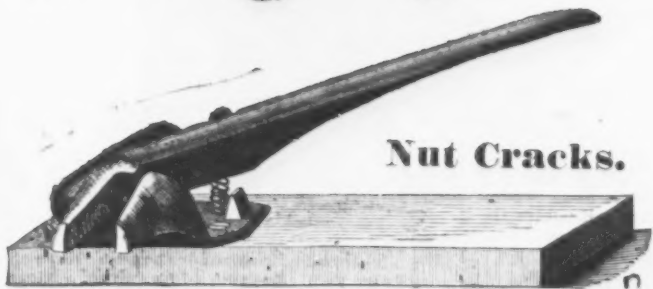
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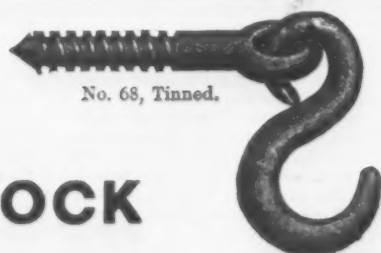
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### The Tin-Plate Duty Discussion.

NEW YORK, June 12, 1883.

To the Editor of The Iron Age.—DEAR SIR: The official statistics for calendar year 1882 report that the total importations of "tin plate, andterne plates taggers tin" were 479,330,656 pounds, and value at Liverpool, \$17,975,161, equivalent to 3 3/4 cents per pound, upon which \$5,273,637 revenue were collected by the United States Government. The addition of freights, insurance, interest and importers' and jobbers' expenses and profits in the United States would swell the cost of these 240,000 tons to not less than \$30,000,000 to American consumers. The major part of the whole-sale profits upon this British "monopoly" are secured by the foreign agents and brokers, and shipping lines having offices at the principal ports on the Atlantic and Pacific, who remit proceeds back to Great Britain, probably swelling the exportation of gold in exchange to not less than \$25,000,000 per annum. Besides the immense losses of business and profits to farmers, canners and artisans in every branch of productive industries, and to interior transportation companies as well, because of non-production of these so-called tin plates, &c., in the United States, the nation, therefore, is annually drained of about \$25,000,000.

For the benefit of those deceived by the superficial statements of hired "revenue-only" advocates, we will as briefly as possible outline the consequences of an American production of these 240,000 tons annually, as affecting the welfare of farmers, canners, transporters, professional laborers and the people at large, and justifying—yes, demanding—the enactment of "protective duties" essential to successful competition for the "common welfare," and in harmony with the duties protecting the manufacture of all other finished forms of steel and iron. At present the industry is prohibited by Governmental injustice and legislation to protect a foreign monopoly. To make 240,000 tons of tinned sheet iron and steel (tin plates) there would be required about 550,000 tons iron ore and 300,000 tons of limestone to produce the 300,000 tons pig iron necessary, and to make the "tin plates" from the ore would require not less than 1,500,000 tons of coal. The mining of these 2,600,000 tons of "raw materials," their transportation by wagon, railroad and steamboat to the blast furnaces, the operation of these furnaces in production of the pig iron, the transportation of this pig iron to the sheet iron or steel mills, the puddling, hammering and rolling of this iron into the sheets, the more simple processes of coating them with tin or lead and tin, and their shearing, boxing, marking and shipping, would each employ large bodies of men, forming separate communities of towns and cities numbering tens of thousands. These American operatives and their families would provide for agricultural products and for the products of other mechanics an immense additional home market difficult to estimate in figures.

An idea of its far-reaching, invigorating influence may be formed from the statement that these operatives expend their earnings, when received, almost wholly for farm products, either "raw" or manufactured therefrom. 1. Bread—the farmer's wheat. 2. Butter and milk—from the farmer's cows. 3. Mutton, beef and pork—the farmer's sheep, cows and hogs. 4. Molasses—from the planter's cane. 5. Muslin—the planter's cotton. 6. Clothes—the farmer's wool. 7. Boots and shoes—the farmer's hides. 8. Whiskey and lager beer—the farmer's rye and hops. 9. Rent, furniture, books, newspapers, pianos, &c. 10. The saving fund.

The laborers engaged in making and selling and handling these "necessaries"—millers, butchers, bakers, clothiers, shoemakers, merchants, &c., are again the farmer's customers (called "towns" and "cities"), as are also the workmen who (1) make the tools and manufacture powder for mining ore, coal, &c. (2) Those who make the railroad iron and steel, build the bridges, cars, locomotives and depots, and who produce the oil, tools, &c., used in building and running the railroads necessary to the immense carriage of these raw materials and finished

products from points of production to markets. (3) The carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers, painters, draftsmen, engineers and artisans of every class engaged in building and repairing the mills, furnaces, machine shops, tool factories, &c., necessary to the production of these various agricultural and mechanical products, and (4) clerks, lawyers, conveyancers, insurance companies, ministers, professors, editors, &c., engaged in assisting, protecting, instructing and advising in the varied temporal and spiritual needs arising among many thousands of citizens in communities.

Is it not evident that of all men the farmers and dealers in farm products are chiefly benefited by mechanical activity and profitable manufacturing in the United States by this multiplication of customers, and consequently that of all men they should be the first and strongest advocates of ample protection to those desiring to make tinned iron in the United States and to manufacturing developments generally? As a direct consequence of stimulating the inventive genius of American mechanics by activities resulting from protection, creating both the necessity and opportunity for quicker and cheaper processes, American implements and agricultural machinery are cheaper than in Europe, and farmers' clothes and other manufactured goods required cost very little more than in Europe, and not as much as if they were dependent on foreign supplies. Protection enriches the farmer. We estimate within moderate limits in stating that the annual American production of 240,000 tons of tin plates, terne plates, &c., would cause in repeated transfers, as indicated, an inter-circulation of not less than \$300,000,000, say \$30,000,000 transferred 10 times, with an average profit of 10 per cent., equaling, say \$30,000,000 of income to the various classes of laborers necessarily engaged in mechanical occupations connected therewith. In fact, when produced by home labor from our own raw materials chiefly, the total cost of any manufactured article in the United States simply represents the accumulated proceeds of American labor and profits (of which farmers get more than one-half), and is just that much added to the actual wealth of the nation.

Inasmuch, therefore, as the American people would earn at least \$30,000,000 per annum in returns for labor resulting from and in producing 240,000 tons of tin plates, &c., it is evident that it would be more economical to make these products in the United States, even if their final cost was double the price when imported, and that the farmers and canners would be most particularly benefited, inasmuch as it is those operatives not farmers who must and do not only buy "raw" farm products, but also the "canned goods," &c., even if advanced "3 1/2 cents per dozen" when cooked. The nation would be annually \$25,000,000 at least richer, inasmuch as the cost of the products would remain in the United States. We trust these facts will not be incomprehensible to college professors and other "toddlers" and "book worms," whose mistakes appear to arise chiefly from lamentable ignorance as to simple facts of inside practice understood by ordinary clerks in mercantile and manufacturing life, all of whom at least comprehend the vital and essential necessity and advantages of home markets to everybody, and the paralyzing consequences of prices so low as to represent only the poverty and misery of the laboring classes as in Europe. There is, however, an element of selfishness and of brutal inhumanity displayed in their contemptible echoing of "Cobden Club" sophistries and plausible "clap-trap," formulated abroad to deceive the people into supporting foreign industries, while reducing American laborers to a poverty-stricken European basis, or are they Benedict Arnolds at heart and in practice traitors, betraying for British gold American industrial security as worthy of "protection" as the life and liberty of our citizens and involved as directly in their "pursuit of happiness!" ELY & WILLIAMS.

### TRADE PUBLICATIONS.

#### Pencoyd Iron Works.

Messrs. A. & W. P. Roberts & Co., of the Pencoyd Iron Works, of Philadelphia, Pa., have just sent us their catalogue of beams, channels, angles, tees, &c., which may be unhesitatingly pronounced one of the most carefully prepared and strikingly attractive specimens thus far received. It is furnished with a substantial cloth cover bearing the name of the firm on the outside, is 15 x 19 1/4 inches in size, and contains 19 plates illustrating the various sizes and types of beams and other manufactures turned out by them. Accompanying each engraving is a table giving the width of flange, thicknesses of web and weights per yard for the I beams and channels, and also the width of bulb in the case of deck beams. The thicknesses and weights per yard of angles are given in a similar way, and the sections of the various shapes thus far enumerated contain the dimensions corresponding to the minimum weights. In connection with these the dimensions also are given, and a foot-note informs us that the weights of these sections cannot be changed. The engravings are well executed and printed on a good quality of paper, and each plate is provided with a border which, plain though it is, adds to the generally attractive character of the page. The whole work betrays a considerable amount of care in its execution, and may justly be regarded, as we have already stated, as one of the most attractive specimens of its class.

#### Hardware Specialties.

The Adams & Westlake Mfg. Co., of Chicago, Ill., have just issued a very beautiful catalogue of hardware specialties, including tin and brass lanterns, cuspidors, oil cans and tanks, stove boards, toilet-ware, oil stoves, student and barn lamps, water coolers, &c. This catalogue is issued in very elegant form, bound in excellent cloth covers, very freely and well illustrated. Every article mentioned is shown in a small cut, its dimensions are given and the price per dozen, with further explanation when needed. In the department devoted to toilet-ware the cuts are printed in brilliant colors, with gold and bronze where these are used in the goods shown. Considering the number of colors on

a page, this color printing seems to us quite remarkable. Nineteen pages are devoted to these colored prints, which we are sure will greatly interest the trade and enable dealers to order with a view to obtaining a very showy and well-selected stock. A perspective view of the company's works at Chicago is given as a frontispiece. The indexing is very thorough, and everything about this catalogue is strictly first class.

#### The Rothweiler Mfg. Co.,

of 297 to 301 Saratoga street, Newport, Ky., have issued an illustrated price list of tinners' tools and machine presses, &c., which contains several specialties of more than usual interest to sheet-iron workers. Among these may be mentioned a combined squaring, splitting and trimming power shear—in other words, a power squaring shear with several valuable attachments. This tool is new, having been patented within the present year. It is adapted to cutting heavy iron, and, among others, meets the requirements of safe makers, wrought-iron range builders and general workers in heavy gauges of the sheet metals. Robinson's cornice brake is also illustrated and described, while following it are roofing tools, squaring shears, rim machines and a general line of small tools used in the tin shop. A number of punches, bench, screw and drop presses complete the book. A squaring shear of the general description above referred to, operated by power and adapted to lighter gauges of iron, with a capacity of 8 feet, is something that is in demand by cornice workers, and we should think might be made a desirable addition to the assortment of tools manufactured by this company, particularly so in the light of the improvements they have embodied in the heavier machine above mentioned.

#### Eleventh Cincinnati Industrial Exposition.

The rules and premium list of the Cincinnati Exposition for 1883 are at hand. The cover is, as usual, a work of art. This time it is printed in colors on a bronze ground. Printing and illustrating throughout are of the very finest description. The Exposition itself opens September 5 and closes October 6. It will be open for the reception of articles from Wednesday, August 16, to Tuesday, September 4. The usual blanks accompany the list. The rules have the unusual good feature of being short and to the point. The classification of machinery is good, and, with few exceptions, things that are similar in character or belong to similar classes are brought together. Occasionally, however, perhaps from the necessities of classification, we find the opposite to be the case. For example, dumb waiters for private houses are in the same class as compound condensing engines, and a model of a river steamboat in the same class as diving bells. These seeming anomalies, which are often found in exhibitions, are accounted for by the fact that no class can be altogether a simple one, and certain general classifications which are entirely cognate include in their ramifications articles which, when brought together, seem utterly adverse and without relationship. There are in the list before us 1458 premiums, which ought to be sufficient to give every exhibitor who has a deserving article a fair chance for a premium of some sort. Of the building and its arrangements, the maps and plans give a most complete idea. In its way the catalogue is a model, and might be imitated with advantage by others of its class.

#### Catalogue of Surveying and Mathematical Instruments.

Among the many elaborate catalogues of mathematical and artistic instruments published in this country, a price catalogue of surveying and mathematical instruments and drawing materials, published by F. W. Devoe & Co., of New York, and containing some 264 pages, we think is the largest, most complete and most sumptuous that has yet been attempted. It embraces almost every variety of goods used by engineers, draftsmen, architects and surveyors, contains a fine list of publications, and is profusely illustrated in every department. The characteristic American feature of minute, intelligent and accurate descriptions of the goods is carried out in every department, and any one who has the least familiarity with the goods can order by number with a feeling of certainty that the goods received will be exactly what are wanted. The firm include in this catalogue a variety of articles not usually found in such lists. Among these we note a variety of ruling and lithographic implements, new form of light Swiss instruments, elaborate pantographs and ellipsographs, several more expensive kinds of protractors, and a variety of instruments of precision, including transits, leveling instruments, plane tables, astronomical telescopes, small astronomical transits and zenith instruments, theodolites and other things of the same character. The work is a very valuable contribution to the literature of its class.

#### Bolts and Coach Screws.

An attractive little catalogue relating to bolts, coach screws, &c., has just been sent us by Messrs. Plumb, Burdick & Barnard, of Buffalo, N. Y. It embraces 46 pages, profusely illustrated with engravings of the different articles turned out by the firm, and accompanied by such further particulars as price lists, dimensions, &c., that are of importance to purchasers. Messrs. Plumb, Burdick & Barnard further inform the reader that the illustrations submitted do not cover all their patterns, but simply the leading or more important lines, and that all additional information will be readily given upon application.

The Mekarski system for driving railway cars by compressed air has been adopted by one of the London (England) street railroads. A recent trial trip is said to have given satisfactory results, and all the cars of the company are to be gradually fitted up with reservoirs for compressed air and motors.

It is reported, on what is deemed "good authority," that a company has been organized in this city for the purpose of laying two new ocean cables between this country and Europe.

### The Enterprise Meat Chopper.

The Enterprise Mfg. Co., of Philadelphia, are introducing to the trade their new Enterprise meat chopper. In the accompanying illustrations Fig. 1 shows the general appearance of the machine in operation, and Fig. 2 represents its different parts, which are few and simple. The hopper and cylinder are combined, the latter containing the screw which carries the meat forward. A four-bladed knife is attached to the end of the screw, and revolves with it as the crank is turned. A plate perforated with numerous small holes fits into the end of the cylinder, and is secured in position by a ring which screws up and clamps the plate tightly against the knife. The meat is fed into the hopper and carried forward by the screw until it reaches the perforated plate, when the pressure forces it through the small holes of the plate, where it is chopped off by the revolving knife, which makes four cuts for each hole with every revolution of the crank, the small pieces thus cut being forced out by the continuous pressure from the interior of the cylinder. The blades are self-sharpening. This machine is also adapted to other purposes which will make it a useful year round to butchers, farmers, hotels, &c. The

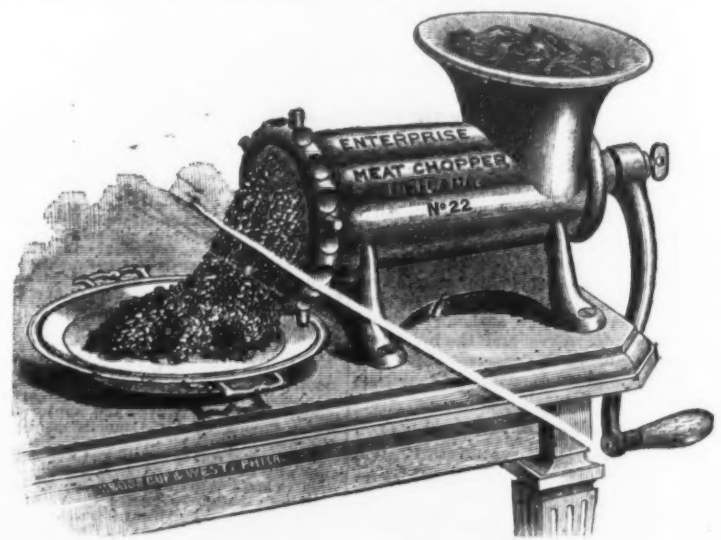


Fig. 1.—The Enterprise Meat Chopper.

capacity of No. 10 is one pound of meat per minute; of No. 32, three pounds per minute; of No. 42, four pounds per minute; this last is used for chopping pork only.

Swiss Domestic Industries.—According to the latest statistical returns of the Swiss Federal Trade Department, there are at present in Switzerland 1256 factories engaged in the cotton industry, and giving employment to 54,115 operatives; 228 silk mills, employing 25,866 operatives; 102 chemical works, with 2749 employees; 48 metallurgical works, with 2158 employees; 212 machine works, with 14,271 employees, and 93 horological and jewelry works, employing 8558 persons. The total number of works under the Factory act is 2642, and the total number of employees therein 134,862, consisting of 70,364 males and 64,498 females, 10,462 being between the ages of 14 and 16 years.

The strike of ship laborers in Montreal for double wages in yards using steam cranes appears to be a revival of the old battle that

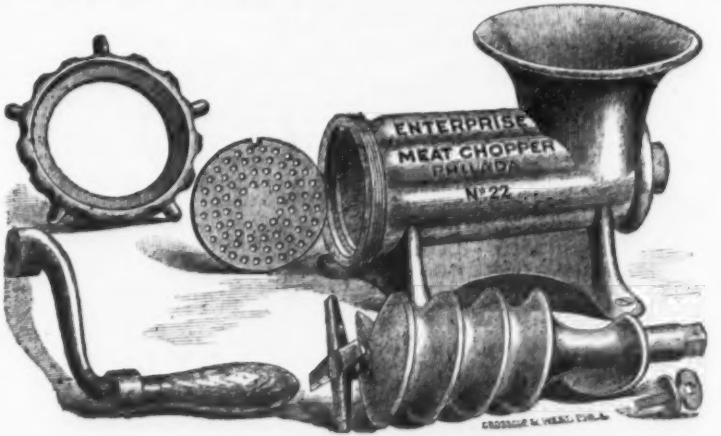


Fig. 2.—Construction and Working Parts.

was fought out in England more than a generation ago against the introduction of machine tools. Individual workmen, no doubt, suffered, temporarily at least, from the substitution of machine work for hand labor, and some were compelled to learn new trades, but the general effect has been to improve the condition of workmen in mass. It can safely be predicted that if it comes to an issue between steam cranes and laborers in the ship-yards of Montreal, the steam cranes will win.

How to propel trains in tunnels is one of the mechanical or engineering problems of the day for which no very successful answer has yet been found. Ventilation even in short tunnels is exceedingly bad, and in our climate the products of combustion make the air almost stifling in certain conditions of the weather. Any method of storing power which would not occupy more space or weight than an engine and boilers, and would be able to run for 8 or 10 hours continuously, would be one of the most valuable inventions of the age. Even the storage battery, which entails a loss of at least 50 per cent., could be made immensely useful if it were possible to charge the battery repeatedly without injury to it.

The steam barge D. C. Whitney, the largest craft that ever passed through the new Welland Canal, arrived at Kingston the other day. She had her consort, the Wayne, in

tow, and both crafts had a combined cargo of 110,000 bushels of corn. The D. C. Whitney drew 14 feet 7 inches of water forward, and had to be lightened of 24,000 bushels at Port Dalhousie, which was again reloaded after passing through the canal, and the entire cargo delivered at Kingston in good condition. The Whitney is 256 feet long, 41 feet beam, and 15 feet depth of hold. She was built in Detroit last year. The present is her first trip this season, and it has been a profitable one, her freight bill amounting to \$6500. She is strongly built, the better to qualify her for the trade in lumber, at which it is calculated she can carry 1,200,000 feet.

Boiler and Ship Plates.—Basic steel plates made in the Bessemer converter by the Thomas-Gilchrist process at Witkowitz, in Moravia, were recently sent to the Austrian Lloyd's Registry, at the request of that authority, to be tested as to their suitability for boiler-making and shipbuilding purposes, and, when they had been exhaustively tried, they were pronounced to have stood very satisfactorily all the tests required by the Lloyd's committee. Authentic returns of the production of basic steel by the 17 firms who are making it show that the annual output is at the rate of 558,800

tons. In the six months ending with March the precise tonnage was 279,400. It was made to the extent of 57,911 tons by the one firm in England, 5962 tons by the two firms in France, 12,786 tons by one firm in Belgium, 152,479 tons by the nine firms in Germany, 37,476 tons by the three firms in Austria, and 12,786 tons by the one firm in Russia. The make by Messrs. Bolckow, Vaughan & Co.—the one English firm at present working a basic plant—is, it will be seen, at the rate of 9651 tons per month. This is considerably over three times the average made per month by individual German firms, and the German firms, the foregoing returns show, are not only the largest producers of this class of steel in the aggregate, but also the largest producers, per individual firm, of all the Continental firms who have adopted the system.

California proposes to send an enormous quantity of wheat to market this season. The San Francisco Journal of Commerce says that two months ago the harvest seemed dead, but now the wheat yield is enormous, com-

pared with all previous experience. It says: "It must be remembered that only a few years have elapsed since 30,000,000 bushels would have seemed a mighty yield; now we confidently look forward to more than double that figure. Year after year more of our fertile acres have been subjected to the yoke of the plow, until this year we have as much under wheat as has Great Britain and Ireland, with 32 times our population. This is something to be proud of. Our wheat will sell for \$100,000,000; our barley for \$15,000,000; our hops for \$150,000; our wine for \$4,000,000; our wool clip for \$9,000,000; our fruit crop will pour into the lap of the grower \$5,000,000; our dairy produce will bring \$9,000,000; minor cereals, \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000—a grand total of nearly \$150,000,000 from a portion of our farm produce alone. With \$150,000,000 to spend, or about \$1000 for every man, woman and child of our farming population, our trade in the year, so auspiciously begun, will be in a measure marvelous." The San Francisco Commercial Herald supplements this with the statement that the "vastly improved crop reports are stimulating exporters to increased activity in preparing for the removal thereof in the fall months, while the great decline in wheat for both spot and futures adds a fire to the flame. The disengaged fleet in port aggregates 50,000 tons, against 33,000 tons one year ago. There is on the berth 23,000 tons, which is about the same as it was a year ago. The fleet to arrive within five or six months is 241,000 tons."



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**Burgh.**—*Practical Rules for the Proportions of Engines and Boilers, for Land and Marine Purposes.* By N. P. Burgh; new edition, 219 pages, 12mo, cloth. London, 1878. . . \$1.50

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## Special Notices.

## NEW AND SECOND-HAND

## MACHINERY.

1 Engine Lathe, 42 in. swing, 20 ft. bed. New.

1 Engine Lathe, 36 in. swing, 20 ft. bed. New.

1 Engine Lathe, 30 in. swing, 20 ft. bed. New.

1 Engine Lathe, 24 in. swing, 20 ft. bed. New.

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Gr'm Mtn.	71	.....
Gold Striper.	7	.....
Horn Silver.	6 1/2	.....
Harlem.	1 1/2	.....
Hibernia.	4	.....
Hort-m.	5	.....
Independence.	55	.....
Iron Silver.	2 1/2	.....
Lacrosse.	12	.....
Leadville Con.	60	.....
L. Chief.	61	.....
Navajo.	2 1/2	.....
N. Standard.	80	.....
N. Belle.	6 1/2	.....
Rai pahaucok.	7	.....
Robinson Con.	65	.....
Red Elephant.	5	.....
Sierra G.	15	.....
Sutro Tm.	22	.....
Stormont.	45	.....

## GENERAL HARDWARE.

Trade continues quiet, as may be expected at this season of the year. There seems to be little anticipation of important changes in prices for next season. The feeling prevails that as a general thing prices are low enough, and that many declines are not likely, while no one seems to think this the time to make advances.

The scarcity of Nails continues, and, as the demand is still large, the price remains very firm at \$3, from which it would be difficult to get any considerable concession, even for the most desirable order. The whole country, apparently, is bare of Nails, and prices will probably rule high for some time.

The Lock manufacturers held a meeting last week in New Haven, at which they adopted a number of changes in list prices, and made the discount 50 and 2 per cent. instead of 45 and 2 per cent. formerly, all taking effect on the 14th inst. The following are the changes in the list prices of the Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co.:

No. of Lock	Page of List	Price per doz.	No. of Lock	Page of List	Price per doz.
0.	64	1.75	177	107	36.00
0 1/2.	64	5.25	676	107	30.00
0 1/4.	64	5.00	677	107	44.00
1.	64	10.25	678	107	50.00
1 1/2.	64	12.50	679	107	58.00
1 3/4.	73	29.15	781	106	7.00
2.	73	33.65	790	108	50.00
2 1/2.	73	38.15	791	111	60.00
3.	113	3.50	792	111	60.00
3 1/2.	113	12.50	793	109	30.00
4.	113	7.50	850	3	4.00
4 1/2.	113	8.00	851	3	4.15
5.	114	8.00	852	3	5.50
5 1/2.	114	13.50	853	3	5.50
6.	113	35.00	1103	43	37.50
6 1/2.	115	50.00	1104	43	45.00
7.	117	85.00	1109	44	45.00
8.	117	3.50	1110	44	50.00
10.	113	3.50	1111	44	50.00
11.	113	4.50	1250	44	72.00
61.	113	4.50	1251	44	72.00
62.	113	7.00	1252	44	72.00
63.	113	7.00	1253	44	72.00
64.	113	7.00	1254	44	72.00
65.	113	7.00	1255	44	72.00
66.	113	7.00	1256	44	72.00
67.	113	7.00	1257	44	72.00
68.	113	7.00	1258	44	72.00
69.	113	7.00	1259	44	72.00
70.	113	7.00	1260	44	72.00
71.	113	7.00	1261	44	72.00
72.	113	7.00	1262	44	72.00
73.	113	7.00	1263	44	72.00
74.	113	7.00	1264	44	72.00
75.	113	7.00	1265	44	72.00
76.	113	7.00	1266	44	72.00
77.	113	7.00	1267	44	72.00
78.	113	7.00	1268	44	72.00
79.	113	7.00	1269	44	72.00
80.	113	7.00	1270	44	72.00
81.	113	7.00	1271	44	72.00
82.	113	7.00	1272	44	72.00
83.	113	7.00	1273	44	72.00
84.	113	7.00	1274	44	72.00
85.	113	7.00	1275	44	72.00
86.	113	7.00	1276	44	72.00
87.	113	7.00	1277	44	72.00
88.	113	7.00	1278	44	72.00
89.	113	7.00	1279	44	72.00
90.	113	7.00	1280	44	72.00
91.	113	7.00	1281	44	72.00
92.	113	7.00	1282	44	72.00
93.	113	7.00	1283	44	72.00
94.	113	7.00	1284	44	72.00
95.	113	7.00	1285	44	72.00
96.	113	7.00	1286	44	72.00
97.	113	7.00	1287	44	72.00
98.	113	7.00	1288	44	72.00
99.	113	7.00	1289	44	72.00
100.	113	7.00	1290	44	72.00

## Door Knobs, Pages 155 to 161.

No.	Per doz.	No.	Per doz.	No.	Per doz.
415	\$2.50	8801	\$5.00	9800	\$5.00
8030	11.00	8850	5.00	9801	5.00
8703	5.00	8851	6.00	9802	6.00
8704	6.00	8852	6.00	9803	6.00
8800	4.00	8853	7.00	9804	7.00
8801	4.00	8854	7.00	9805	7.00

## Closest Knobs, Page 163.

No.	Per doz.	No.	Per doz.	No.	Per doz.
415	\$2.50	8850	\$5.00	9800	\$5.00
8703	5.00	8851	6.00	9801	5.00
8704	6.00	8852	6.00	9802	6.00
8800	4.00	8853	7.00	9803	6.00
8801	4.00	8854	7.00	9804	7.00

## Bell Pulls, Pages 183 and 184.

No.	Per doz.	No.	Per doz.	No.	Per doz.
60	\$10.00	8700	6.00	9700	\$6.75
100	10.00	8701	5.00	9701	5.50
150	10.00	8702	5.00	9702	5.50
200	10.00	8703	5.00	9703	5.50
250	10.00	8704	5.00	9704	5.50

Real Bronze Locks, Knobs and Escutcheons, discount 3 1/2 per cent.

The following are the changes in the list prices of Mallory, Wheeler & Co.:

No.	Price per doz.	No.	Price per doz.	No.	Price per doz.
0.	\$1.50	0111	\$5.00	4053	\$10.00
001.	4.15	0112	5.00	4121	11.50
001 1/2.	4.00	0113	5.50	4122	11.50
002.	4.00	0114	5.50	4123	11.50
002 1/2.	4.00	0115	5.50	4124	11.50
003.	4.00	0116	5.50	4125	11.50
003 1/2.	4.00	0117	5.50	4126	11.50
004.	4.00	0118	5.50	4127	11.50
004 1/2.	4.00	0119	5.50	4128	11.50
005.	4.00	0120	5.50	4129	11.50
005 1/2.	4.00	0121	5.50	4130	11.50
006.	4.00	0122	5.50	4131	11.50
006 1/2.	4.00	0123	5.50	4132	11.50
007.	4.00	0124	5.50	4133	11.50
007 1/2.	4.00	0125	5.50	4134	11.50
008.	4.00	0126	5.50	4135	11.50
008 1/2.	4.00	0127	5.50	4136	11.50
009.	4.00	0128	5.50	4137	11.50
009 1/2.	4.00	0129	5.50	4138	11.50
010.	4.00	0130	5.50	4139	11.50
010 1/2.	4.00	0131	5.50	4140	11.50
011.	4.00	0132	5.50	4141	11.50
011 1/2.	4.00	0133	5.50	4142	11.50
012.	4.00	0134	5.50	4143	11.50
012 1/2.	4.00	0135	5.50	4144	11.50
013.	4.00	0136	5.50	4145	11.50
013 1/2.	4.00	0137	5.50	4146	11.50
014.	4.00	0138	5.50	4147	11.50
014 1/2.	4.00	0139	5.50	4148	11.50
015.	4.00	0140	5.50	4149	11.50
015 1/2.	4.00	0141	5.50	4150	11.50
016.	4.00	0142	5.50	4151	11.50
016 1/2.	4.00	0143	5.50	4152	11.50
017.	4.00	0144	5.50	4153	11.50
017 1/2.	4.00	0145	5.50	4154	11.50
018.	4.00	0146	5.50	4155	11.50
018 1/2.	4.00	0147	5.50	4156	11.50
019.	4.00	0148	5.50	4157	11.50
019 1/2.	4.00	0149	5.50	4158	11.50
020.	4.00	0150	5.50	4159	11.50
020 1/2.	4.00	0151	5.50	4160	11.50
021.	4.00	0152	5.50	4161	11.50
021 1/2.	4.00	0153	5.50	4162	11.50
022.	4.00	0154	5.50	4163	11.50
022 1/2.	4.00	0155	5.50	4164	11.50
023.	4.00	0156	5.50	4165	11.50
023 1/2.	4.00	0157	5.50	4166	11.50
024.	4.00	0158	5.50	4167	11.50
024 1/2.	4.00	0159	5.50	4168	11.50
025.	4.00	0160	5.50	4169	11.50
025 1/2.	4.00	0161	5.50	4170	11.50
026.	4.00	0162	5.50	4171	11.50
026 1/2.	4.00	0163	5.50	4172	11.50
027.	4.00	0164	5.50	4173	11.50
027 1/2.	4.00	0165	5.50	4174	11.50
028.	4.00	0166	5.50	4175	11.50
028 1/2.	4.00	0167	5.50	4176	11.50
029.	4.00	0168	5.50	4177	11.50
029 1/2.	4.00	0169	5.50	4178	11.50
030.	4.00	0170	5.50	4179	11.50
030 1/2.	4.00	0171	5.50	4180	11.50
031.	4.00	0172	5.50	4181	11.50
031 1/2.	4.00	0173	5.50	4182	11.50
032.	4.00	0174	5.50	4183	11.50
032 1/2.	4.00	0175	5.50	4184	11.50
033.	4.00	0176	5.50	4185	11.50
033 1/2.	4.00	0177	5.50	4186	11.50
034.	4.00	0178	5.50	4187	11.50
034 1/2.	4.00	0179	5.50	4188	11.50
035.	4.00	0180	5.50	4189	11.50
035 1/2.	4.00	0181	5.50	4190	11.50
036.	4.00	0182	5.50	4191	11.50
036 1/2.	4.00	0183	5.50	4192	11.50
037.	4.00	0184	5.50	4193	11.50
037 1/2.	4.00	0185	5.50	4194	11.50
038.	4.00	0186	5.50	4195	11.50
038 1/2.	4.00	0187	5.50	4196	11.50
039.	4.00	0188	5.50	4197	11.50
039 1/2.	4.00	0189	5.50	4198	11.50
040.	4.00	0190	5.50	4199	11.50
040 1/2.	4.00	0191	5.50	4200	11.50

No.	Price	No.	Price	No.	Price
per doz.		per doz.		per doz.	
05446	\$11.00	1063, 2 k.	\$15.50	1947, 2 k.	\$22.75
0587	11.50	1064, 1 k.	14.50	1977	17.50
0587 1/2	11.50	1064, 2 k.	17.50	1998	19.00
0587 3/4	12.25	1065, 2 k.	16.50	2000	19.00
771	36.75	1066, 1 k.	16.50	2007	25.00
772, 1 k.	42.00	1068	1 k.	19.50	
773, 1 k.	40.75	1069	2 k.	36.40	
774, 1 k.	47.25	1070	1 k.	39.95	
775, 1 k.	47.25	1071	2 k.	39.95	
776, 1 k.	47.25	1072	1 k.	44.45	
777, 1 k.	47.25	1073	2 k.	44.45	
778, 1 k.	47.25	1074	1 k.	48.90	
779, 1 k.	47.25	1075	2 k.	48.90	
780, 1 k.	47.25	1076	1 k.	53.40	
781, 1 k.	47.25	1077	2 k.	53.40	
782, 1 k.	47.25	1078	1 k.	58.90	
783, 1 k.	47.25	1079	2 k.	58.90	
784, 1 k.	47.25	1080	1 k.	63.40	
900	42.00	1408	39.95	2017	6.00
906	42.00	1409	39.95	2018	6.00
907	42.00	1409 1/2	0.75	2030	6.00
909	42.00	1409 1/2	0.75	2030	6.00
909 1/2	32.00	1463 1 k.	16.00	2022	6.00
902	35.00	1463, 2 k.	19.40	2024	6.00
903 1/2	35.00	1464, 1 k.	18.40	2026	6.00
904 1/2	35.00	1464, 2 k.	21.40	2028	6.00
905 1/2	35.00	1465, 1 k.	20.40	2030	7.50
907	42.50	1465, 2 k.	23.40	2031	7.50
907 1/2	47.50	1715	48.00	2052	7.25
908	47.50	1715 1/2	33.25	2053	7.25
908 1/2	47.50	1716	33.25	2054	7.25
910	50.00	1716 1/2	31.25	2060 1/2	6.00
911	54.50	1935	16.00	2062	6.00
1053	49.50	1936	17.50	2400	5.25
1054	49.50	1937	17.50	2401	5.25
1055	55.50	1938	23.50	2402	8.00
1056	50.00	1944, 1 k.	1.00	2403	8.75
1057	56.00	1944, 2 k.	13.75	2404	9.50
1058	62.00	1945, 1 k.	13.00	2405	10.50
1059	62.00	1945, 2 k.	16.00	2406	11.50
1060, 1 k.	11.00	1944, 1 k.	16.00	2407	11.75
1060, 2 k.	14.00	1944, 2 k.	19.75	2408	12.50
1061, 1 k.	13.00	1945, 1 k.	13.00	1977	52.50
1061, 2 k.	16.00	1945, 2 k.	16.75	1978	58.00
1062, 1 k.	17.00	1946, 1 k.	19.75	1979	58.00
1062, 2 k.	18.00	1946, 2 k.	19.75	1980	35.75
1063, 1 k.	12.50	1947, 1 k.	19.00		



IMPORTS

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the Week ending June 20, 1883.

Hardware.	Plm. Forwood & Co.
Berbeck T. & Co.	Fire bars, 141
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Sellman & Co. J. & W.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Stobo Robert,
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Pix, tons, 100
Boyer Hermann & Co.	The Lalanc & Grojean
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Co
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bundles, 139
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Order.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Pig tons, 100
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Crop ends, tons, 165
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Colla, 340
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bundles, 153
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Rods, bbls., 15,876
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wrought iron, pcs., 222
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire, cs., 2
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire coils, 121
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Rail ends, tons, 300
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Spiegel, tons, 210
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Cross ends, tons, 566
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire rods, bbls., 1097
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire rods, bbls., 9160
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Coiled rods, bbls., 222
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Old iron, tons, 1215
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Mach'y scraps, tons, 50
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Steel.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Abbott & Co. J.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bar ends, bxs., 240
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Cases, 23
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Rods, bbls., 203
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Broomhead, Geo.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Knives, case, 1
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Mach'y, case, 1
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Morton, Bils & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Nails, kegs, 250
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire nails, kegs, 100
Boyer Hermann & Co.	McCoy & Sanders,
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Cases, 4
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Moss F. W.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Files, cs., 75
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Newhall Universal Mill
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Oil-mill mach., cs., 3
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Newman Henry,
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Ironware, cs., 6
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Roessler A. & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Case, 1
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Rant R.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Ironware, case, 1
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Riesdahl A. de,
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Nails, cs., 32
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Reid J.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Sinks, tubs, &c.,
Boyer Hermann & Co.	crates, 79
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bath tub,
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Speiman W. B.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Nails, bxs., 60
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Packages, 8
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Sellman Bros.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire, case, 1
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Schaefer & Budenberg,
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Mach'y, cs., 21
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Scoville Mfg. Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Mide, cs., 3
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Shattuck & Binger,
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Nails, bags, 303
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Thomas J.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Mach'y, case, 1
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Tiffany, C. L.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Cases, 7
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Vom Cleft & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Mide, cs., 3
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wiebush, Hilger & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Hdw., cutlery and
Boyer Hermann & Co.	guns, pkgs., 39
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Witte G. T. Bros.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Cutlery, pkgs., 11
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Order.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Files, cs., 29
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Mach'y, cs., 4
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Cutlery, case, 1
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Cases, 3
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Skates, cs., 22
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Cases, 5
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Iron.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Alexandre F. & Sons,
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Angle iron, bars, 86
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Plates, 250
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Couplings, pkgs., 19
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bundles, 19
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bars, 34
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Abbott Jers & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire, bbls., 7900
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Baring Bros. & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Rods, bbls., 19,300
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire rods, bbls., 12,800
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire rods, cs., 23,558
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Rivet rods, cs., 1255
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bruckner, Evans & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire net, cs., 615
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire net, bbls., 390
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Brown Bros. & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bundles, 354
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Coils, 656
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Brace & Cook,
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Sheets, bxs., 40
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Crocker Bros.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Spiegel, tons, 220
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Coddington T. B. & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bundles, 124
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Duval H. R.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Oxide, cs., 29
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Elliott, Son & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Ore, kg., 929
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Field Alfred & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Gas pipes, 3
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Gesswein F. W.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire, case, 1
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Great Western Disp. Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Ironware, cs., 1
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Hill E.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Oxide, cs., 17
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Johnson J. & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Old iron, lot
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Lang W. B.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bars, 215
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Case, 1
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Lee James & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Pig, tons, 100
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Lillenberg N.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bars, 7134
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Nail rods, bbls., 362
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Lundberg Gust.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bars, 17,576
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Jason John W. & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire rope, coils, 22
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Naylor & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Spiegel, cs., 197
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Naylor, Benson & Co.
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Wire, bbls., 1424
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Rail ends, tons, 113
Boyer Hermann & Co.	Bars, 1437

FOREIGN TRADE MOVEMENTS.

The following is a summary of foreign trade movements during the past week:

For the week ended June 15:

Total.	1881.	1882.	1883.
Prev. reported.	7,949,187	10,018,124	10,430,279
Since Jan. 1.	10,063,274	12,318,619	10,054,998

Included in the imports were leading articles of merchandise valued as follows:

Pkgs.	Value.
Antimony	40
Brass goods	27
Bismuth	7
Bronzes	11
Chains and anchors	18
Clocks	12
Copper	12
Cutlery	237
Gas fixtures	14
Gold ore	58
Guns	21,474
Hardware	11
Iron, pig, tons	2,885
Iron, sheet, tons	38
Iron, other, tons	756
Machinery	495
Metal goods	305
Nails	205
Needles	24
Nickel	18
Old metal	13,066

The quantity of hardware and metals imported compares with previous dates as follows:

For the 24 weeks	Same
week.	time 1882.
Cutlery, pkgs.	137 3,206 3,410
Hardware, pkgs.	11 653 308
Iron, R. R., bars	6,241 70,841
Lead, pigs	3,847 16,544
Steel, pkgs.	26,316 1,772,671 954,154
Tin, bxs.	33,389 845,913 1,634,040
Tin slabs, lbs.	328,235 9,924,133 8,303,784

EXPORTS OF SPECIES.

For the week ended June 15:

Total.	1881.	1882.	1883.
Previously reported.	6,610,830		
Total since January 1, 1883.	\$6,710,704		
Same time in 1881.	32,818,385		
Same time in 1882.	5,297,090		
Same time in 1880.	4,282,210		
Same time in 1879.	11,672,185		
Same time in 1878.	8,520,958		
Same time in 1877.	14,455,339		
Same time in 1876.	26,580,431		
Same time in 1875.	59,705,700		
Same time in 1874.	27,676,213		
Same time in 1873.	26,903,414		
Same time in 1872.	33,436,523		

EXPORTS EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIES.

For the week ended June 15:

Total.	1881.	1882.	1883.
Previously reported.	\$7,709,500	\$7,034,879	\$7,151,823
Prev. reported.	179,309,548	140,397,151	157,145,209

Since Jan. 1. \$178,018,601 \$147,402,030 \$164,299,032

PHILADELPHIA.

Office of The Iron Age, 280 South Fourth St., PHILADELPHIA, June 19, 1883.

**Pig Iron.**—There is not much change to notice in this department; the weakness and irregularity so frequently mentioned seem to continue, and for some brands our last quotations are barely maintained. The entire list may be called dull, and in many cases there are evidences of increasing weakness. This is particularly the case with brands holding a secondary position, although there is already a clear \$3 per ton difference in No. 1 Foundry, some selling at \$19.50 @ \$20, delivered, and others up to \$22 @ \$23, the greatest weakness being in the lowest-priced irons. It is not likely that there will be any serious or permanent decline from to-day's quotations, but the market is very heavy, and it should cause no surprise to hear of lower prices before there is any reaction. The weakest of all grades is No. 2 Foundry, and while usually quoted at \$19 @ \$19.50, delivered, there have been a good many sales at less money, and would probably be more if buyers could be induced to make offers for it in good-sized lots. No. 1 Foundry has sold fairly, but chiefly in small lots, consumers not feeling any great confidence in values. Mill irons are quiet and fairly steady at prices varying from \$18 to \$19, delivered, a few choice brands still being held at \$19 at furnace. The feeling in Mill irons is not quite as strong as it was a week ago, and it is possible that lower prices will rule before the market recovers its tone. The demand has been somewhat more active, and although sales have been on a liberal scale, the fact that there is a continued pressure to sell has a tendency to weaken prices, and that appears to be the prevailing influence to-day. Some well-known brands have, in fact, been sold at concessions on last week's figures, and it is a difficult matter to place anything in quantity at over \$18 @ \$18.50, delivered, although small lots of special makes command more money. White and Mottled irons are dull, and in large supply at \$16 @ \$16.50, and \$17 @ \$17.50, delivered. Hereafter we shall quote prices delivered in Philadelphia, for the reason that a considerable amount of iron is coming in from Virginia, and as the freights are much higher than from the districts from which supplies have hitherto been drawn, the price, f.o.b. cars at furnace, would convey very little idea of cost unless rates of freight were given, which in many cases is obviously impossible.

**Bessemer Pig.**—The market is quiet, with very little disposition to do business, except in lots of 1000 to 5000 tons each, for which \$21 might possibly be obtained, latest transactions having been at that figure. Offers are not easily obtained, however, so that quotations are almost nominal.

**Spiegel.**—Market very quiet, with buyers at about \$31 for 20 c. A 1000-ton lot of 45 c sold at \$47.25, for shipment to New York, and 30 c is offered at \$37. A sale of 1000 tons, 10 to 12 c, is also reported at \$25.50.

**Blooms.**—Market very quiet, and although prices are nominally unchanged, there is a very little demand. We quote last week's prices, viz.: Charcoal Blooms, \$59 @ \$61; Run-out Anthracite, \$50 @ \$52; Scrap Blooms, \$45 @ \$46; Northern Ore Blooms, \$43 @ \$44.

**Muck Bars.**—There is considerable inquiry and prices appear to be a trifle firmer, \$34.50 at mill having been generally realized for good qualities. Negotiations are in progress for about 2500 tons, which is likely to be closed at from \$34 to \$34.50 at mill.

**Bar Iron.**—The market has been very quiet during the week, and prices appear to have weakened a little, although nominally quotations are unchanged. A good deal of iron has been offered for sale by Western manufacturers at prices varying from 2¢ to 2.1¢, delivered, but there has not been much business done, buyers preferring to take small lots as required. It was hoped that prices would remain steady in view of the temporary midsummer suspension of work, but there is so much anxiety to secure business that there has been a further development of weakness, and prices may be said to rule anywhere between 2.1¢ and 2.2¢ for Best Refined Iron, and 10¢ @ 15¢ less for a large proportion of Country Mill Iron. At the monthly meeting of manufacturers held in this city yesterday, it was resolved to continue 2.3¢ as the basis for labor, although the product does not realize that figure, but in view of the hot weather usual at this season, it was thought best to make no

change, as the output in any case will not be more than from a half to two-thirds for the next month or six weeks. Prices are expected to hold steady in the meantime, and we are informed that inquiries for small lots are very numerous, indicating quite an active business within the next 10 or 14 days.

**Plate and Tank Iron.**—The demand during the week has been fairly active, and a further increase of business has been cited by several of the leading mills. Several hundred tons of Ship Plate have been sold at 2.3¢, delivered, besides which there has been a good demand for small lots. We also note a sale of 800 tons Steel Plate by the Co-operative Iron and Steel Works, of Danville, Pa., so that it is evident that consumers are being kept pretty busy one way or another. The demand for Tank Iron is not heavy, but the mills are tolerably well employed and prices are steady. Concessions may possibly be had on large lots, but the usual quotations are about as follows: Tank Iron, 2.4¢ @ 2.5¢; Shell, 3¢ @ 3.25¢; Flange, 4¢ @ 4.25¢, and Fire-Box, 5¢ @ 5.25¢.

**Structural Iron.**—There is not much of importance having been made, with the exception of about 2000 tons Shapes and Plates for the new cable road of the Union Passenger Railway Co. The mills are generally running up to their fullest capacity on former contracts, however, which, with the current demand for small lots, is likely to keep them pretty busy during the next month or six weeks. In the meantime it is believed that a good deal of new business will be coming forward, so that the position is considered fairly satisfactory. Prices are unchanged, as follows: Angles, 2.3¢ @ 2.4¢; Tees, 2.3¢, and Beams and Channels, 3.5¢.

**Sheet Iron.**—The demand has been of a more active character, and manufacturers are inclined to take a favorable view of things. Prices are somewhat irregular, and buyers of large lots are still in a position to command liberal concessions, but for small lots prices are steady and unchanged, as follows:

Common Sheets, No. 28	4.5¢
Common Sheets, Nos. 26 and 27	4.5¢
Common Sheets, No. 21 to 25	4.5¢
Common Sheets, No. 18 to 20	3.5¢
Best Refined, 1/4 advance on the above	
Best Bloom Sheets, No. 26 to 28	6.5¢
Best Bloom Sheets, No. 21 to 25	6.5¢
Best Bloom Sheets, No. 18 to 20	5.5¢
Common Red Plates, 3-16 to 1-8	3.5¢
Best Iron, Galvanized, discount	40 c
2nd quality, discount	50 c

**Wrought Iron Pipe.**—This department of the market presents no new feature. The demand continues light, and orders have been of a limited character. Buyers still adhere to the policy of buying to meet current requirements only. Prices are quoted unchanged at about as follows: 57 1/2¢ @ 50¢ off list price on Boiler Tubes, and 70¢ off on Gas and Steam Pipe. While manufacturers are not urging business to any great extent on account of the recent unremunerative prices, on special sizes, however, further discounts could probably be had.

**Steel Rails.**—There is very little to report beyond sales of lots of from five hundred to a couple of thousand tons each, at prices varying from \$38 to \$39, according to delivery. The demand is quiet for summer deliveries, buyers showing no disposition to place orders for winter or spring, although liberal concessions could be had on business of that kind. Mills are all well situated as regards summer work; some are uncomfortably crowded already, while considerable new business is offered.

**Old Rails.**—Market quiet, and but little new business under way. T Rails are offered for shipment at \$22, but buyers are indifferent and only take small lots as required, for which \$22.50 @ \$23 is obtained for good qualities. A sale of 1000 tons Double Heads was made yesterday for shipment to Philadelphia, at \$26, at which the market may be called steady.

**Scrap Iron.**—The market is quiet, with sales at \$24 @ \$24.50 for selected quality. A cargo of about 500 tons from Hamburg was sold a day or two ago at \$23, which is about all the market will afford for lots of that kind.

**Nails.**—Have been in continued active demand, and manufacturers experience some little difficulty in keeping up with their orders. Small sizes are said to be very scarce indeed, and there is no over-supply of ordinary sizes. Prices may be quoted at about \$3.15 per keg, less the usual trade discount.

PITTSBURGH.

(By Telegraph to The Iron Age.)

PITTSBURGH, June 20, 1883.

Creditors of Graff, Bennett & Co., at a meeting this afternoon, granted an extension of three years. The liabilities of the firm are stated to be about \$1,200,000 on their own account, and nearly \$500,000 through the Grafton failure. The assets are reported at nearly \$1,200,000, exclusive of real estate which is worth probably \$1,000,000 more, and will be bonded for 60 per cent. of indebtedness. The affairs will probably be placed in the hands of trustees, who are not yet selected.

Office of The Iron Age, 77 Fourth Avenue, PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 19, 1883.

There has been but little change in the general business situation during the past week; in some respects the outlook is better, while in others there is no improvement. The weather has been more favorable for vegetation, and the crop reports, as a rule, are more encouraging, although the heavy rains are reported as having done considerable damage to the corn and cotton in some sections of the country. The general iron trade remains substantially as noted a week ago. As regards the raw article, some usually well-informed operators think the worst has passed, but others are not so confident. The demand for Finished Iron of all kinds is far from being satisfactory, although all, possibly, that can be expected at a time when business usually begins to fall off. It is reported that Messrs. Graff, Bennett & Co. have called a meeting of their principal creditors for to-morrow, at which, it is believed, arrangements will be made to bridge

over the trouble caused by the complications of the Grafton Furnace Co., in which they are large stockholders. A number of mills have partially closed down, some altogether, and the probability is that others will follow within a week or two. The situation is anything but encouraging.

**Ores.**—The Ore trade continues in a very dull and depressed condition, and until Pig Iron revives and some of the many idle furnaces are again started up, no improvement in the Ore market can be expected. The stock of Lake Ore at the mines and on the dock at Cleveland is unusually large and increasing, while the consumption is small and growing smaller, caused by additional furnaces going out of blast. The consumption of Bessemer Ore is fully up to that of last year.

**Pig Iron.**—Dullness is still the order of the day, and is likely to continue until next month. Our home furnaces are doing about all the business, those at a distance refusing to sell at the prices obtainable. It is worthy of mention that the furnaces here in Allegheny County are nearly all in blast, and that the production is fully as large as ever it has been, the home furnaces having, as already stated, the market pretty much to themselves. About the only iron being brought here is Bessemer, large contracts for which were made with outside furnaces several months ago; however, while our home furnaces are turning out a good deal of iron, there is but little money being made, as the prices, under the most favorable circumstances, afford very little margin for profit. Foundry irons are even more neglected than Mill. Foundrymen, without exception, report business very dull, and, unless there is a change for the better, some of them will be obliged to suspend operations before long. Prices may be fairly quoted as follows:

No. 1 Foundry	\$20.50 @ 21.00, 4 mos.
No. 2	19.00 @ 20.00, 4 "
Gray Forge Neutral	17.00 @ 18.00, 4 "
Red Short Mill	18.50 @ 19.00, 4 "
Charcoal Foundry	25.00 @ 27.00, 4 "
Cold-Blast Charcoal	25.00 @ 27.00, 4 "
Bessemer	21.00 @ 21.50, 4 "

It is estimated that round lots of Bessemer Iron can be bought below our inside quotation.

**Muck Bar.**—There have been no sales reported since our last, in the absence of which we continue to quote at \$34 @ \$34.50, cash, at mill.

**Manufactured Iron.**—Demand light and no immediate improvement looked for before the middle of next month; prices are weak, and while manufacturers continue to quote on basis of 2¢ for Bars, it is probable that well-assorted orders could be placed for a tenth less. Sheet Iron is quoted on a basis of 3.65¢ @ 3.70¢ for No. 24, and Plate, 2.60¢.

**Nails.**—Buyers are becoming a little bearish, and manufacturers are more disposed to make concessions in order to obtain desirable orders, yet, so far as we can learn, prices are substantially the same as a week ago—\$2.90, 60 days, 2¢ off for cash, for carload lots and upward, and \$3 in a jobbing way. There is no stock in first hands, makers still having orders sufficient to absorb their production, and while this continues it is not likely there will be much cutting in price. At a meeting of the Western Association last week, there was nothing done beyond regular routine business.

**Wrought Iron Pipe.**—Trade continues good, with prices weak, but unchanged. Discounts unchanged—70 and 5 @ 70 and 10 % on Gas and Steam, and 55 and 5 % on Boiler Tubes.

**Steel.**—The general condition of the Merchant Steel trade remains unchanged; demand continues light for the season; but few, if any, of the mills are working up to anything like their full capacity, and prices are weak and irregular. The National Steel Association, which has been in a weakly condition for some time past, has at last dissolved; hence the market is now in the go-as-you-please condition.

**Old Rails.**—The market has stiffened up materially within the past week, and prices are higher; consumers who bought largely at \$22.50, now quote at \$23 @ \$23.50, and we are cognizant of a sale of a lot of 500 tons of a special brand for short delivery at \$25.

**Steel Rails.**—We still quote at \$38.50 @ \$39, cash, at mill, for near-by delivery. Mills are well supplied with orders, being sold several months ahead, but they are still able to take any desirable orders that offer. The Edgar Thomson Works continue to make liberal shipments West and South, both by river and rail.

**Railway Track Supplies.**—Spikes remain unchanged at 2.60¢, 30 days, with a fair business. Splice Bars unchanged at 2¢. Track Bolts lower—3¢ with Square and 3.20¢ @ 3.25¢ with Hexagon Nuts.

**Scrap.**—The dullness noted for some time past continues, and there is no little doing that it is difficult to give reliable quotations. No. 1 Wrought is nominal at \$22 @ \$23 per ton for Ordinary, and \$24 for Selected; Old Car Axles, \$32 @ \$33. In Crop Ends consumers are well supplied; hence there is no demand and no sales, in the absence of which we continue to quote at \$25, gross, which is as low as they could be sold at if wanted. Old Car Wheels nominal at \$20 @ \$21, gross.

**Window Glass.**—There is, possibly, an improved demand, but prices are no better; discounts 70 % from regular list on Single and 70 and 10 % on Double Strength for carload lots and upward.



Iron produced in this region and such as are known as "Southern Irons," arises from the above causes and a seeming appreciation of quality on the part of consumers. Sales during the past week justify the following quotations: No. 1 Hanging Rock Charcoal Foundry, Best brands, \$25; Good No. 1, \$24.50; Southern Charcoal Foundry, \$21 @ \$22; No. 2, \$1 less; Hanging Rock Coke, Best, \$22; Good, \$21; Southern, \$19 @ \$20; No. 2, \$1 less; "American Scotch," No. 1, \$20 @ \$21.50; No. 2, 50¢ @ \$1 less; Silver Gray Softeners, Best No. 1, \$21; Good, \$20; No. 2, \$19; No. 3, \$18 @ \$18.50; Forge, \$17 @ \$22; Stonecoal, Coke and Charcoal Car Wheel, Warm Blast, \$25 @ \$26; Cold Blast, \$26 @ \$29. Scrap Iron is largely in excess of wants. No sales to enable quotations. The rolling mills are reported to be using largely of Scrap in their finer grades of Iron, encouraging holders to withhold their large stocks.

## LOUISVILLE.

GEO. H. HULL & Co., Commission Merchants, report to us as follows, under date of June 16, 1883: There is an active demand for Hot Blast grades and the market is much firmer. We quote for cash as below:

FOUNDRY IRON.	
No. 1 Hanging Rock Charcoal.....	\$25.00 @ 26.00
No. 1 Southern Charcoal.....	21.50 @ 22.00
No. 1 Hanging Rock Stonecoal and Coke.....	20.50 @ 21.00
No. 1 Southern Stonecoal and Coke.....	20.50 @ 21.00
No. 2.....	19.00 @ 20.00
"American Scotch".....	19.00 @ 20.00
Open Silver-gray.....	18.00 @ 19.00
Close.....	17.00 @ 18.00

MILL IRONS.	
No. 1 Charcoal.....	20.00 @ 20.50
No. 1 Stonecoal and Coke, Neutral.....	18.00 @ 19.00
No. 2.....	17.00 @ 18.00
No. 1.....	17.00 @ 18.00
No. 2.....	17.00 @ 18.00
White and Mottled, Cold-short and Neutral.....	15.50 @ 16.00

CAR WHEEL IRONS.	
Hanging Rock, Cold-blast.....	35.00 @ 35.50
Warm-blast.....	35.00 @ 35.50
Alabama and Georgia, Warm and Cold-blast.....	27.00 @ 28.00
Central Kentucky, Cold-blast.....	25.00 @ 26.00

W. B. BELKNAP & Co., Iron and Steel Merchants, No. 115 to 121 West Main street, report to us as follows, under date of June 15, 1883: There has been a slightly better tone to the market during the past week. The first scare, brought about by the flood of cards and circulars announcing that the mills would run through the summer, has subsided, and those who had not overbought are inquiring for small lots to sort up stock as may be necessary. Buyers are not in for large quantity, but confidence is being re-established somewhat by the improved crop prospects and reports of increased railroad earnings. Bar Iron—In plentiful supply, but price fairly maintained, say 2.10¢ @ 2.20¢. Hoop and Band—Prices unchanged; demand very light. Bar Mills are soliciting Bands at lower price than the association asks. Sheet Iron—Prices well upheld on heavier numbers; some concessions on light. Nails are being well managed by the association, who expect to close down the mills temporarily July 1st. Demand is fair, but there is next to no margin to jobbers. The smallest lots are seeking purchasers at the inside price. Fence Wire—Market very weak for Barbed Wire. There is no telling where bottom is until the result of the late decision of the United States Court at St. Louis is definitely settled.

## RICHMOND.

ASA SNYDER, Iron Merchant and Furnace Agent, writes as follows, under date of June 18, 1883: The prospect for our furnaces is improving. Large purchases have recently been made for future wants, and in consequence prices are firmer.

No. 1 Scotch Pig Iron.....	\$21.00 @ 26.50
No. 1 Anticraft Pig Iron.....	21.50 @ 23.50
No. 2.....	20.00 @ 21.00
No. 1 Virginia Coke Pig Iron.....	20.00 @ 22.00
No. 2.....	19.00 @ 21.00
No. 3.....	18.00 @ 19.00
White and Mottled.....	16.00 @ 17.50
Virginia C. B. Ch. road.....	25.00 @ 28.00
Old Dom. Nails (carload lots).....	3.00 @ 3.50
Refined Bar Iron (base).....	2.10¢
Old Iron Rails.....	21.00 @ 22.00
Wrought Scrap, No. 1.....	20.00 @ 21.00
Cast Scrap, No. 1.....	16.00 @ 18.00
Horse Shoes (Fredergar).....	4.75 @ 5.00
Mule.....	5.85 @ 6.00

## BALTIMORE.

W. N. WYETH, Iron and Steel Merchant, 46 and 48 South Charles street, reports to us the following, under date of June 18, 1883: There has been a fair average trade doing for the past week, notwithstanding the acknowledged general depression elsewhere. Values continue ruling notably unchanged at annexed figures:

Ref. Bar Iron, 1 to 6 x 3/4 to 1.....	2 1/2¢ @ 2 3/4¢
" 1 to 4 1/2 x 1 1/2 to 1.....	2 1/2¢ @ 2 3/4¢
" 1/2 to 2, Round.....	2 1/2¢ @ 2 3/4¢
and Square.....	2 1/2¢ @ 2 3/4¢
Hoop Iron, 1 1/2 wide and upward.....	2 1/2¢ @ 2 3/4¢
Band Iron, from 1 1/2 to 6 in. wide.....	2 1/2¢ @ 2 3/4¢
Horse-shoe Iron.....	3 1/2¢ @ 3 3/4¢
Norway Nail Rods.....	3 1/2¢ @ 3 3/4¢
Black Diamond Cast Steel.....	4 1/2¢ @ 5¢
Machinery Steel.....	4 1/2¢ @ 5¢
Spring Steel.....	4 1/2¢ @ 5¢
Common Horse Nails.....	4 @ 4 1/2¢
Railroad Spikes, 1 1/2 x 6.....	2 1/2¢ @ 2 3/4¢
Perkins' Horse Shoes, 1/2 keg of 100 lb.....	4.75 @ 5.00
Mule Shoes.....	5.85 @ 6.00

## ST. LOUIS.

HOFFER & Co., Pig Iron and Iron Ore Merchants, 214 Pine street, report to us as follows, under date of June 16, 1883: The market is still unsettled. We quote nominally as follows:

HOT BLAST CHARCOAL IRONS.	
Missouri.....	\$20.00 @ 20.50
Southern.....	20.00 @ 21.00
Ohio.....	25.00 @ 26.00

COAL AND COKE IRONS.	
Missouri.....	20.00 @ 20.50
Southern.....	20.00 @ 21.00
Ohio.....	25.00 @ 26.00

MILL IRONS.	
Red Short.....	18.00 @ 20.00
Neutral.....	17.00 @ 18.00

CAR WHEEL AND MALLEABLE IRONS.	
Missouri.....	21.00 @ 22.00
Southern.....	20.00 @ 21.00
Ohio.....	25.00 @ 26.00

## Our English Letter.

## Review of the British Iron, Steel, Metal and Hardware Trades.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
LONDON, ENG., June 4, 1883.

## THE OUTLOOK

is very much the same as at the date of my last letter, the variations of the past week having been comparatively few in number and unimportant in their scope. Everything in the branches of trade in which your readers are most interested is very quiet—indeed, I have been assured by parties likely to know that "there is really nothing whatever doing." I am willing to accept this as being a metaphorically correct statement, and in that sense only, because it is beyond dispute that almost the whole of the works, whether engaged in the production of iron or steel, are still well employed. In isolated instances there are establishments which have run through their orders more rapidly than their neighbors, but, taking the trade as a whole, I should still venture to assert that there is plenty of work in hand at the present time. There is an abundance of grumbling in all directions, I admit, but, so far as my information goes, the complaints are made not so much on account of a lack of orders as in respect of the low prices at which alone they are to be secured. Profits are doubtless meager in the majority of instances, yet it is by no means certain that the current values are those at which much of the material is being sold. I should rather be disposed to think that the contrary is the rule, and that the bulk of the iron and steel in course of delivery is being paid for at higher prices by 10 to 20 per cent. than those now obtaining. In certain cases we know that this is so. Bolckow-Vanhan's, for instance, are said to be sending steel rails to your side at \$62 per ton, as against the \$56 to \$58 of the time being, and there are other examples of a similar state of affairs. To all this, however, there must come an end before long, and it is the uncertainty as to what may then take place that puzzles the iron men. To all appearance we have a dull time before us, and there is every likelihood of values taking a permanently lower range; yet surprises may be in store and we may experience their effects directly after midsummer. How this "surprise" theory is to be worked out, however, nobody is prepared to elucidate. For one, I fail to see where it comes in—unless your people are playing an exceptionally 'cute game in order to dish the Britishers on the new tariff. Certainly we have not the most remote grounds for anticipating unexpected developments in any other direction, all the European and most of the Colonial markets being characterized by decided quietude and an entire absence of hopeful features. Whether your market will yield the eagerly looked for crop of orders for deliveries after July 1 is not yet apparent, but should be manifested in the course of the next few weeks if it comes at all. Some of our people here had built some *chateaux en Espagne* on the foundation of the expected great strike of your ironworkers on June 1, and have doubtless been somewhat disappointed by the compromise arrived at between the American ironmasters and their workmen. It had been inferred that the cessation of production at and about Pittsburgh would have been the cause of many contracts being sent to Great Britain. The expectation in that direction having been disappointed, there is now a disposition manifested to regard the settlement as a remarkably favorable symptom. It is held that your ironmasters would certainly not have signed a continuance of the old wages scale had they not known that they could obtain a sufficient amount of work on that basis of prime cost; consequently, the inference is that your iron trade is not really so bad as it had been represented to be. These may be deemed more or less ingenious speculations by you who are on the spot and fully posted as to the "true inwardness of things" in your own centers, but they exist here as I have outlined them, and you may take them for what they are worth.

As for the capabilities of our own market, there is not a great deal to be said or written, although it must be confessed that a rather more buoyant tone is encouraged. This may be merely the outcome of the continued fine weather, under the influence of which all kinds of agricultural operations are highly favored, and the crops are coming forward in splendid fashion. Everything looks well, and the promise of a good hay and cereal harvest naturally puts the farmers in better spirits. For the same reason all outdoor occupations are flourishing, and the "season" trades are in fuller swing. Should the sunshine continue (as it has done now for nearly a month past almost without interruption) for another month or so, I think it highly probable that all our leading manufactures will take a turn for the better.

## MY IRON MARKET SUMMARY

on this occasion must needs be brief, seeing that the happenings of the week have been extremely uneventful. At Glasgow there has been something like a relapse in warrants, which have declined in value from various causes. They touched 46 7/8 on May 28, which was the lowest point for two years past, the minimum of 1882 having been 46 7/8 on April 20 of that year. Since the advent of June there has been only a slight recovery, and present quotations are not firm at 46 9/10. It is believed that even lower prices may prevail, unless (as it is rumored) the furnaces at Markland are to be stopped. On the other hand, it is in contemplation to restart one of the furnaces at Lumphinnans. Under all the circumstances, the continued large production in Scotland shows that a large business is being done, especially if it be true that stocks in makers' own yards are not increasing. An assertion to that effect comes to me from Glasgow, whence we have absolute statistics showing a further decrease in Connal's stocks. Whether there is an increased demand from the United States will shortly be known. It is hinted that such is the case, and the allegation is supported by an advance in freights for pig iron by regular steamers to New York from 5/ to 7/6 per ton. The proximate sailings are filled up and the new rates

are for near futures. Last week 2150 tons were sent to the United States and 520 tons to Canada, despite which fact merchants are said to be in receipt of discouraging advices from your side. Makers' brands, however, are still realizing what must be deemed good prices, and it is believed that smelters are making paying profits, as an outcome of recent economies in production and enlarged outputs. The shipbuilding yards on the Clyde are as busy as ever. During May they launched 29 vessels of 35,731 tons aggregate, as against 25 vessels of 32,200 tons in May, 1882. The total tonnage for the five months of 1883 is 20,000 tons ahead of 1882 to the same date. Many new orders have recently been placed, and the whole of the yards have ample employment for the remainder of 1883. So long as this briskness obtains, a large amount of work will be furnished to the iron and steel works. Precisely the same observation holds good in relation to the North of England, where the yards of the Tyne, Wear and Tees are all fully engaged. It is certain, indeed, that iron shipbuilding is the mainstay of the iron producers, and that were it not for the sustained activity of that branch the plate, &c., mills would be deplorably short of work. At Middlesbrough pig iron is very quiet and depressed. Some of the manufacturers uphold 40/ as their nominal figure, but 39/6 is readily accepted, and 39/ is known to have been taken in more than one instance. Shipments are good, nevertheless, and the local consumption is large, but is checked by the strike at Bolckow-Vanhan's Works. During May the shipments reached about 87,000 tons, which is ahead of expectations and a large advance over the total for April last. Hematite pig iron is almost without a feature to note. On the West Coast mixed lots are quoted at 50/ @ 51/, and makers' own brands are proportionately low. Nothing of note has been done in the way of lowering the rate of production, albeit stocks still increase and are now so bulky as to prejudice any recovery in values most seriously. Whether or not the agreement has been broken I cannot say, but I do know that it was entered into, inasmuch as the secretary formally communicated the fact to me, and I cabled the news to you next day. In other of the smelting districts there is no movement. The mills and forges, as well as most of the foundries, devoted to heavy ironwork are fairly engaged, while the producers of ship, boiler and armor plates are extremely busy. The success of compound armor (about one-third steel and two-thirds iron, the steel on the face) has been very marked in recent trials, and has led to the placing of heavy commissions at Sheffield by various European Governments. In fencing wire there is only a modest turnover, and competition with the German and Belgian houses is keener than ever. Some of the producers of galvanized iron report themselves rather better off for orders, but values are low and much cut up. Some inquiries for this material are said to have been received from your side, but I have not heard of any sale of note. In that, as in other respects, much will depend as to the rate of duty levied by your customs authorities on and after July 1st next. Marked Staffordshire bars remain at 7/ 10/, and all other grades of ordinary finished are purely nominal at late rates. Sheets are in a trifle better request, but the improvement is not as yet of much import. In iron rails there is a fair business in very light special sorts. Old rails are sluggish at 7/ 6 @ 8/ 6 per ton, net cash, f.o.b. London, for D. H., with freights hence to New York at 7/ 6 @ 8/ 6 per ton. Heavy wrought scrap is in moderate request at 2/ 17/6 @ 2/ 18/6 per ton, f.o.b. London, &c. Bessemer blooms are not wanted, but sales are reported of bloom ends. Rail crop ends are nominal at 5/ @ 6/ 6, f.o.b. usual ports, and fair sales are reported to United States buyers. Old scrap leaf spring steel stands at 2/ 4 per ton, f.o.b. London, nominal. In steel rails there is little news, and there are few new sales. Among recent attractions I hear of a lot of 10,000 tons 56-lb for New Orleans, which is said to have been placed with the Ebbw Vale Works at 2/ 12/6 per ton, f.o.b. Newport, Mon. Most of the mills are well employed, and some have orders for the whole of 1883.

## SCOTCH PIG IRON

has been dull throughout, despite efforts made on two or three occasions to infuse speculation into the market. The failure of these attempts would seem to prove that the outside public believe the lower range of prices to have attained a certain degree of permanency, besides which there is a general feeling that it is only a question of a few weeks for the decrease in stocks to be converted into an increase. The weekly decreases are now small and less pronounced each succeeding week, while one of several causes may bring about the opposite result at any moment. There are now 117 furnaces at work in Scotland (against 108 this date 1881), including 8 on hematites. In Connal's stores the quantity held is 578,635 tons, against 637,427 tons a year ago. Last week's decrease was 280 tons only. Shipments last week were 4370 tons more than in the same week of 1882, but to date there has been a diminution of 2561 tons this year, with a total of 247,549 tons. The importations of Middlesbrough pig iron to Scotland last week increased by 6930 tons, making an increase this year of 8320 tons on a total of 105,332 tons. Writing from Glasgow on June 1, James Watson & Co. said: "During the week the Scotch iron market has been very dull, but it closes firm this afternoon, owing to some speculative purchases. The demand for makers' iron is very quiet and prices are naturally lower. The Middlesbrough market is weaker and quotations are again easier. The warrant market on Monday forenoon opened firm, the price advancing from 46 7/8 to 45/10, relapsing in the afternoon to 46 7/8. On Tuesday the market again rallied to 46 9/10, dropping back to 46 7/8, cash. On Wednesday a small business was done between 46/9 and 46/8 1/2. Yesterday the market was flat, with a fair amount of business done between 46/8 and 46/6 1/2 per ton, while to-day the market has been very firm, the price advancing to 46/10, closing with sellers at that figure. The shipments last week were 14,130 tons, as compared with 9760 tons for the corresponding week of last year." We quote:

G. M. B. at Glasgow.....	
Clyde.....	48/ 46/
Chilworth.....	50/ 48/
Langloan.....	62/ 54/
Gartsherrie.....	58/ 54/
Summerlee.....	50/ 50/
Salder.....	50/ 50/
Carabrook.....	54/ 49/
Glasgow, at Ardrossan.....	54/ 48/
Shotts, at Leith.....	49/ 48/
Kilmell, at Bo'ness.....	47/ 47/
Carron, at Grangemouth.....	50/ 49/

## MIDDLESBROUGH PIG IRON

was dull throughout last week, but it appears probable that the returns as to the May shipments, which have just become known, will exert a favorable influence at to-morrow's weekly 'change meeting. The strike at Bolckow, Vaughan & Co.'s Eston Works is having a bad effect, however, and until that dispute is settled other conditions will be greatly modified. For No. 3, 39/6 @ 39/9 is the open rate, but 39/6 has been freely accepted, and in some cases there have been sales at 39/ per ton. For G.M.B., f.o.b. at makers' wharves in the Tees, net cash, less 2 1/2 %, current prices are:

No. 1 Foundry.....	
" 2.....	41/ 38/3
" 3.....	41/ 37/9
" 4.....	39/ 35/6
" 4 Forge.....	38/ 35/

A start has been made during the week at the Northeastern Steel Works, at Middlesbrough, which have been erected to carry out the basic process. W. G. G. Thomas is one of the directors of the company.

## HEMATITE PIG IRON

is unaltered and without any animation, as also are hematite ores. Cumberland ores are quoted 10/6 @ 12/ and Furness ores 9/ @ 12/ per ton at the mines, while Spanish ores meet with no demand at all in the open market at present. Mixed lots of hematite pigs are nominal at 50/ @ 51/ in usual proportions, and the West Coast makers' brands are:

No. 1.....	
Cleator.....	55/ 54/
Lonsdale.....	51/ 50/
Workington.....	51/ 50/
Lowther.....	51/ 50/
Distington.....	51/ 50/
Harrington.....	51/ 50/
Solway.....	51/ 50/
Maryport.....	51/ 50/

The weekly output is now about 30,800 tons on the West Coast alone, not counting the productions of the Scotch, Cleveland and Welsh, &c., furnaces. Last week's West Coast shipments included 13,718 tons of pig iron and 5745 tons of rails.

## THE CALCUTTA EXHIBITION.

I gather from a perusal of an editorial note in your London contemporary, the *Ironmonger*, that American manufacturers and exporters are likely to make a formidable presentation at the Indian International Exhibition, which will be opened at Calcutta in December next. The *Ironmonger* says: "It is somewhat early as yet to form opinions as to the relative proportions and merits of the different sections of the exhibition, but it is certain that the American exhibits will be particularly numerous and imposing. A strong contingent of 'drummers' and others from the United States will visit Calcutta and other Indian cities on the occasion, many of them having already secured their hotel accommodation. There will also be a large show from the Continent of Europe, particularly from Germany, France, Belgium, Italy and Austria, the consuls in India of those countries having taken the matter up with much spirit. Most of the Australasian Colonies will likewise be present in force. The Americans evidently mean to 'go for' a share of Indian trade, of which they have virtually nothing at present, so far as hardware and machinery are in question. The Germans, for some time past, have competed with us in different parts of the Indian Empire in nails, garden implements, carpenter's tools, and cheap lines of cutlery, with a fair amount of success. The Indian market is peculiar in many respects, however, and is scarcely likely to change the conditions under which it is governed as a consequence of any one exhibition, although there is the probability that those who are present on this occasion will gain by their enterprise. We are asked to state that manufacturers should be careful to send out goods suitable for the Indian market, especially heavy articles, inasmuch as in the event of these remaining unsold at the close of the exhibition they would have to be sacrificed at auction, or sent back to England at considerable expense." *Verb. rap. sat.*

## STATISTICS OF METALS.

The statistics—just issued—for the month of May I send in the belief that you would not receive them from any other source, and because they are doubtless interesting to your trade just now. Copper.—Furnished by Merton & Co., London:

Stocks in Europe:	
Liverpool and Swansea.....	24,290
Chili bars.....	21,007
Liverpool and Swansea.....	444
Chili ingots.....	1,115
Liverpool and Swansea.....	393
Chili ores and regulus (fine).....	1,813
Liverpool and Swansea.....	1,660
other furnace stuff (fine).....	1,365
London, foreign copper (chiefly Australian) and ingots.....	3,128
France, Chili bars, ingots and Barilla.....	4,791
France, other copper.....	8,398
Total.....	8,398
Advised by mail, ores and regulus (fine).....	4,791
Advised by cable, bars and ingots.....	3,607
Advised by cable, ores and regulus (fine).....	2,018
Advised by cable, bars and ingots.....	165
Total.....	36,803
Advised and chartered from Chili to Europe.....	37,373
Advised by mail, ores and regulus (fine).....	376
Advised by cable, bars and ingots.....	2,458
Advised by cable, ores and regulus (fine).....	5,585
Advised by cable, bars and ingots.....	8,811
Total.....	7,486
Advised from Australia to Europe.....	30
Advised by mail, fine copper.....	450
Advised by cable, fine copper.....	400
Total.....	3,150
Advised from Australia to Europe.....	45,964
Advised by mail, fine copper.....	44,582
Advised by cable, fine copper.....	58,116
Total.....	65
Advised by mail, fine copper.....	240
Advised by cable, fine copper.....	1,777
Total.....	1,700
Price of Chili bars, per ton.....	265 1/2 @ 268 1/2

## Tin.—A. Strauss &amp; Co., London:

April 30, 1883.....	
Straights and Australian, spot.....	5,178
Straights and Australian, landing.....	5,890
Straights, adroit.....	7,894
Australian, adroit.....	8,358
Banco, on war'nts.....	1,010
Billiton, spot.....	1,479
" adroit.....	2,102
Australian tin in Holland.....	1,398
Stocks in America, Inc. qua. adroit.....	3,180
Total.....	16,417
Prices of Straits and Australian.....	297. 0/ @ 295. 10/ @ 297. 10/ @ 288. 0/
Del'ries during the month, in Lond' mon h in Holl'nd.....	1,360
Del'ries during the month in Holl'nd.....	753
Total.....	2,113

Shipments during the month from Straits to London..... 500  
Shipments during the month from Australia to London..... 1800  
Shipments during the month from London to Holland and America..... 395  
Shipments during the month from Straits to America..... 275  
Shipments during the month from Australia to America..... 100

During 12 months, ending May 31.	
1883.....	1882.....

Shipments from Straits to London.....	
1883.....	1882.....
Shipments from Australia to London.....	9,167
Shipments from Straits to America.....	6,072
Shipments from Australia to America.....	7,395
Del'ries of tin in London.....	1,763
Del'ries of tin in Holland.....	15,673
Del'ries of tin in London and Holland.....	22,071
Del'ries of tin in Holland and U. S.....	32,271

Banco in Trading Company's hands and adroit.....	
1883.....	1882.....

Straits or Australian, spot..... 295. 10/ @ refined..... 295. 5/ English Common ingots..... 295. 0/ @ refined..... 295. 5/ Banca..... 298. 0/ @ Billiton..... 296. 0/

## FOREIGN.

## BELGIUM.

## (Monteur Industrial.)

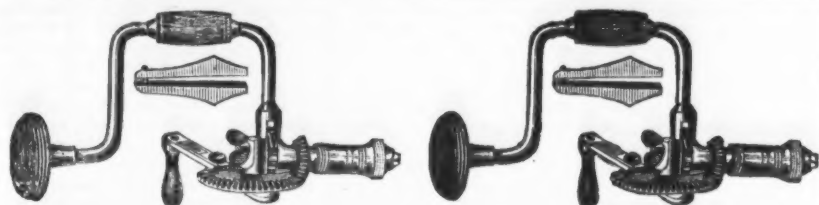
BRUSSELS, June 3, 1883.—Iron.—A remarkable degree of lateness still prevails in the Belgian iron market, which seems incapable of casting off the bad impression produced by a lack of confidence. It must be confessed that there is a singular absence or scarcity of work, both in the Structural Iron branch and at the blast furnaces. At the great Government adjudication for furnishing the State railroads with freight cars, it is expected the tenders will run very low—indeed, much lower than they ran at the last opening of tenders. English Pig Iron is decidedly weak. Foundry Pig Iron is down to 5.75 @ 5.80 francs per 100 kg. It is stated that a large sale has been concluded of Hematite Pig at a very low figure. Domestic Foundry Pig is still sustained at 7.25, but this price is not easily subscribed to. The Luxembourg group is resigned to accept 6 francs. Quite an unfavorable change has overcome the puddling trade; stocks of this kind of iron accumulate fast, causing the same to be freely offered. Common Pig has dropped to 4.75 @ 5.25. Finished iron has been seriously affected in price. No. 1 Merchant cannot be quoted to-day any better than 12.50 francs, and it is even weaker than that. No. 2 does not bring over 12.25, nor No. 3 more than 11.50 francs. The price of No. 3 beams maintain with difficulty the price of 11.50 francs. Corners having given way to 11.50. Even Sheet iron is at present neglected; No. 2 is currently low at 17 in some works. No. 3 is at 16 francs, and No. 4 is neglected at the low figure of 15. In no direction do we hear of much transacting. This gives evidence of a precarious condition of affairs in our iron trade, embarrassing the exports. Cast iron, on the contrary, is as firm as ever. The industrial demand remains active, while in consequence of the scarcity of mining hands production is unable to keep up an adequate supply. Good Bituminous sells at Charleroi at 18 @ 20 francs, and Industrial at 15 @ 16 francs.

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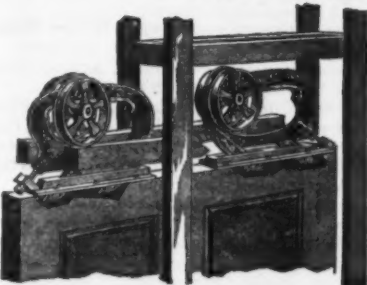
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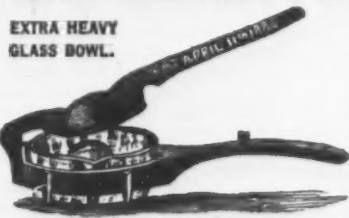
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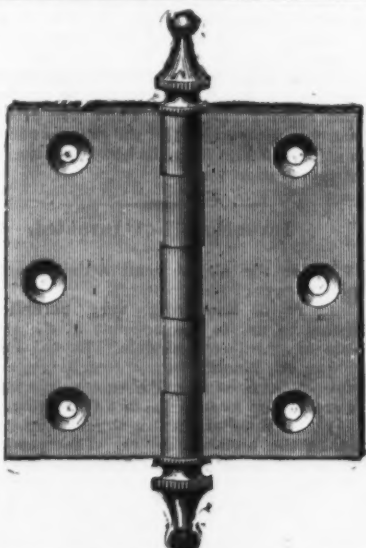
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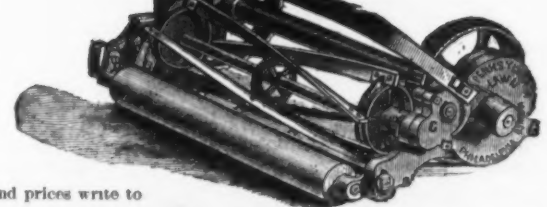
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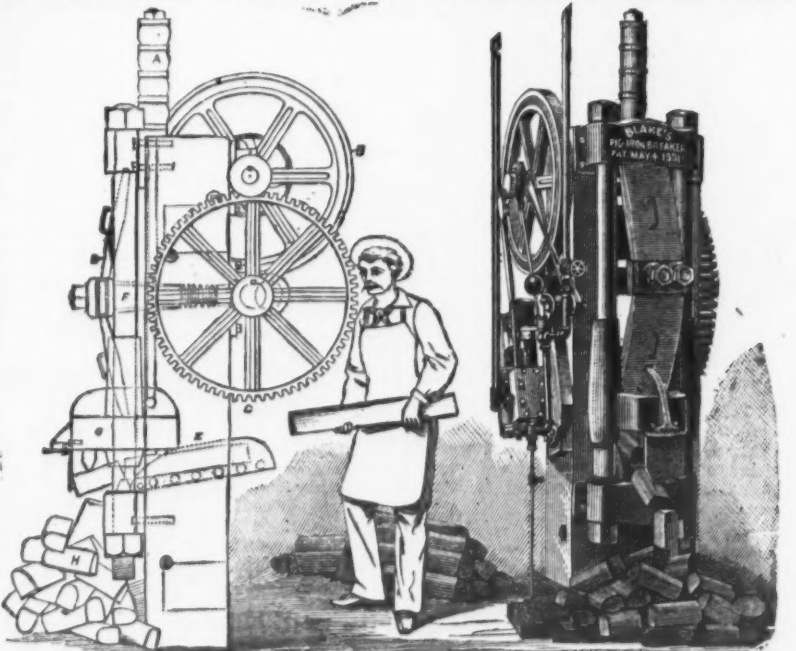


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## INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

The foundry for the Shackleton Steam Heater, in South Lawrence, is being rapidly pushed toward completion.

## CONNECTICUT.

An important consolidation of the Harvey Mfg. Co. and the Harvey Screw Co. has been effected, under the name of the Harvey Screw and Bolt Co., and extensive buildings are to be erected at Lime Rock before the close of the present year. The new company have a capital of \$1,000,000, and have organized with the following officers: President, Wm. H. Barnum; vice-president, J. C. Howes; treasurer, Theodore Sturges; secretary, G. H. Nichols, Jr.; directors, Wm. H. Barnum, Connecticut; Percy H. Pyne, New York; B. G. Clarke, New York; Theo. Sturges, New York; J. C. Howes, New York; Milo B. Richardson, Connecticut; H. A. Harvey, New Jersey. The new company have purchased all the property and patents of the Harvey Screw Co. and of the Harvey Mfg. Co. The former have been manufacturing wood screws and the latter bolts. The new company will provide largely increased facilities for the manufacture of both screws and bolts, under the invention of Mr. H. A. Harvey for rolling threads. It is an extremely strong corporation, and the intention of the managers is to provide facilities for an immense production of screws, bolts and nuts.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

The Altoona Rolling Mill will start up full handed this week.

Swedes Furnace, near Bridgeport, belonging to the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co., is undergoing further repairs, with a view of commencing operations some time in the near future.

McIlvain & Son, of Reading, have started up their rolling mill double turn.

The Greenwood Rolling Mill, at Tamaqua, which suspended several months ago, on account of the failure of C. F. Schooner, of Philadelphia, and the Greenwood Rolling Mill Co., is being put in order by Messrs. D. A. Shepp and H. A. Weldy, who will start the mill on Monday next in the manufacture of bar and hoop iron.

Four companies have been organized in Pittsburgh, all presumably by the same parties, for the purpose of supplying the districts immediately around the city with natural gas for light and heat.

The Keystone Iron Works, at Reading, were to start up last Monday, after an idleness of nearly six months.

## OHIO.

The furnace of the New York and Ohio Iron and Steel Co., at Ironton, has been banked up indefinitely.

The Table Glass Works, of Massillon, are now shipping on an average 600 packages of barrels of tableware per week. It is the intention of this company to add another department for the manufacture of cut glassware, which will be completed in the near future.

The Trumbull Iron Co., Girard, have shut down their works for an indefinite time.

The Ohio Smoke Consuming Co., Norwalk, have filed a notice of an increase of capital stock from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000.

The Canton Steam Heater Co. have elected directors and intend to commence building steam heaters very shortly.

J. L. Edwards & Co's rolling mill at Canal Dover was sold last week at assignees' sale to Reeves Bros., boiler makers, of Niles, for \$14,000. Edwards' assignment occurred about three months since, and was caused by the foreclosure of two mortgages, one of \$8000, held by Vinton, Stout & Vinton, of Canal Dover, and the other of \$6000, held by the Ward Iron Co., of Niles. The selling price is two-thirds of the appraisement, and just covers the mortgages.

The new steel company at Alliance hold a patent for a new process of steel casting which has been thoroughly tested and experimented with, and they will put in two 5-ton furnaces for present use, to be enlarged as required.

It is reported that Andrews & Hitchcock have been endeavoring to secure a lease of the Hall Iron Works, at Hubbard, but as yet have been unsuccessful.

The Sippo Valley Grass Co., Massillon, are running eight press shops and one blow shop. They are turning out first-class work, and have a number one set of workmen. All hands started on jellies and tumblers last week.

Fine Grove Furnace, at Hanging Rock, was blown in last week.

## ILLINOIS.

The Chicago Hardware Mfg. Co. have taken possession of their entire factory building, a part of which has been heretofore occupied by the June Mfg. Co., and have added new machinery, tools and skilled labor. By these extensions their facilities are increased fully 50 per cent. Notwithstanding this and the fact that their foundry is being run to its fullest capacity, they are taxed to the utmost in their lock department to keep up with orders. One hundred and fifty men are now employed, and the company will place on the market, in time for the fall trade, a full line of butts. They have recently perfected a new office-door lock with an anti-friction latch.

The June Mfg. Co., of Chicago, are placing in their new works additional improved machinery, costing \$10,000, and are behind on their orders.

Charles F. Elmes, of Chicago, has taken another contract to build 16 Harrison coal-mining machines.

## WISCONSIN.

There are prospects of starting up the blast furnace near Fond-du-Lac during the present season. The furnace was erected some nine years ago, but has never been operated.

## MICHIGAN.

The Jackson Iron Co. have decided to rebuild their furnace at Fayette, and work will be at once begun.

## MISSOURI.

The Crystal Plate Glass Co., on account of a large supply of orders, will not close down their works on July 1, as is customary among glass makers, but will, on or about that date, put their new 16-pot Siemens gas furnace in operation, together with 24 additional ovens now building. These improvements will give the company a total of three furnaces, 48 pots, 70 annealing ovens, and a capacity of 5000 feet of polished plate glass per day. They report their sales for last month as a third larger than for the corresponding month last year. Among their important orders from New York City is one for glass for the 10-story office building now being erected by Mr. Cyrus W. Field.—*St. Louis Age of Steel.*

The St. Louis Stamping Co., of St. Louis, have erected and just occupied a two-story brick jannapery, 40 feet in width by 92 feet in length. This new building, as a precaution against fires, is situated some 100 yards from the main works, and contains four improved drying ovens. The works of the company were only stopped four days by the late fire, and are now running full in all departments.

## The Domestic Glass Industry.

Mr. Joseph D. Weeks, as Superintendent of the Department of Industrial Statistics of the Census Bureau, is now revising the proofs of his report on the manufacture of glass. The *Pittsburgh Dispatch* says:

It is the most complete statement of the glass manufacturing industries that was ever gotten up in this country, either by public or private enterprise. The statistics given are thorough and accurate, and classified in a manner that makes them doubly valuable. In addition to the statistics, there are chapters explaining the methods of manufacturing glass, and a complete history of glass manufacturing in the United States, from its origin up to the census year.

The investigations which form the basis of the report were confined exclusively to those works which manufacture glass from the crude material, or make the "metal," as it is termed, and do not include any statistics of those establishments in which manufactured glass is a raw material; or, in other words, the report only covers establishments in which glass is made, not those in which it is reworked, and does not, therefore, include statistics of manufacturers of painted or stained glass, mirrors, chemists' ware, &c. In cases, however, where the glass is reworked in the same establishment in which it is made, the tables include the statistics of such reworking.

## THE STATISTICS.

The total number of establishments in the census year was 211, with a total capital invested of \$19,844,699, and the total value of the products was \$21,154,571. In 1870 there were only 174 establishments, the increase during the 10 years being 37 per cent; in employees, 57 per cent; in capital invested, 44 per cent; in wages paid, 20 per cent; in material used, 36 per cent., and in value of product, 15 per cent. There were 34 works idle during the year, making a total number of pots idle of 349. During the census year there were building, but not completed, 4 window-glass works, 1 plate glass, 12 glass-ware and 5 green-glass establishments.

The fuel used in glass-making in the United States is chiefly coal, though at all the works more or less wood is used for various purposes, as also considerable petroleum and benzine for fire polishing, annealing and other like purposes. The total number of persons employed about the glass works of the United States during the census year was 24,177. Of those 17,778 were males above 16 years, 741 were females above 15 years, 5565 males under 16 years of age, and 92 females under 15 years. Many of the operations about glass works, especially in the packing and the gathering of the glass, are of such a character that they can be performed by women, children and youths. This is especially true of glassware, and, as is shown by the tables, 513 of the 714 females above 15 years and 3874 of the 5658 children and youths are employed in glassware manufactories, the larger proportion of the balance being employed in the manufacture of green glass, in which many of the operations are analogous to those of glassware.

Pennsylvania leads the list in value of product in the United States, having 41 per cent. of the entire production; New Jersey next, followed by New York and Ohio. Iowa is the lowest on the list, having only 2 per cent. of the total production. Allegheny County leads the list in the counties, having 26.79 per cent. of the total production of the country.

## COMPOSITION OF GLASS.

Chapter II of the report is devoted to the composition, classification and properties of glass. The principal and essential constituents of glass are silica or sand, and an alkali, or sometimes a metallic oxide. The chief alkalis used are soda, lime and potash, and the chief oxide is that of lead. Other oxides, as those of zinc, tin and antimony, are sometimes used, and other materials, such as manganese, oxide of iron, arsenic, &c., are found in glass, but they are there as impurities or as materials used to correct impurities. While these are the chief constituents, and while it is impossible to indicate approximately the composition of the different kinds of glass, this composition, even in different specimens of the same kind, is by no means definite. The relative quantities of silica and the alkalis vary very greatly. Flint or lead glass, for example, is made harder or softer as the proportion of sand is increased or decreased. The crystal, flint glass and Strass of Ure's classification differ greatly in their properties, appearance and composition, but each is regarded as a silicate of potash and lead. In a word, while glass is considered a chemical compound, unlike most chemical compounds it has no fixed, definite composition in the several varieties. Indeed, although constant attempts have been made to produce a commercial article of glass of that fixed definite composition that experience has shown

to be the best for a given kind, but little success has been attained, except, perhaps, at times at the celebrated plate-glass works at Saint Gobain, France.

Chapter III is devoted to sand, the proportions used, the method of using, the localities from which it comes, &c. Sand for the Pittsburgh and Wheeling glass-houses comes from various points in the Allegheny Mountains, mainly from Juniata and Fayette counties, Pa., and Hancock County, W. Va. A new deposit is reported from the latter place, which, it is claimed, analyzes 99.90 per cent. of pure silica.

Chapter V is devoted to glass furnaces and pots, giving a description of those in use now and when the manufacture of glass was commenced, and noting the progress made in the way of improvements. The chapters in ancient and modern glass are especially interesting.

## HISTORY OF GLASS-MAKING.

Chapter XII, giving a history of glass-making in the United States, contains much interesting information. The first glass-house was erected in the woods, about a mile from Jamestown, Va., and was built late in 1608 or early in 1609. Glass-making at that time was by no means well established in Europe. It is possible that the first glass-house in Virginia made bottles only. The craze for raising tobacco caused the glass house to fall into decay. At the time of the massacre in 1622 this glass-house was destroyed. The first mention of glass works in Pennsylvania is found in a letter written in August, 1683, by Penn to the Society of Free Traders. In this letter he refers to the tannery, sawmill and glass-house. Where this glass-house was erected, and for what kind of glass it was intended, is not known; indeed, it is doubtful if the works were used for the purpose for which they were erected. From this time until just before the Revolution there is no record of glass working in Pennsylvania. On January 21, 1767, Governor John Penn wrote that a glass manufactory had been built in Lancaster County, 70 miles from Philadelphia, but did a very small business. The first glass works in Western Pennsylvania were built by Albert Gallatin at New Geneva, on the Monongahela River, in 1796. The Gallatin Works were used for the manufacture of window glass, and were very successful. In 1796 Major James O'Hara took preliminary steps toward erecting the first glass-house in Pittsburgh. It was not until June, 1797, that work was begun. It was at the south side of the Monongahela River, near the junction of the Allegheny River. The site, or part of it, has been continuously occupied as a glass-house ever since. This was one of the first, if not the first, works in the United States to use coal for fuel.

The first attempt to manufacture plate glass in the United States was made at Cheshire, Mass., about 1850. The attempt to make it a success was abandoned about 1856, principally because of the inferior quality of glass produced, very little of it being merchantable. The second effort was made at Lenox, Mass., in 1853.

In the historical part of the report there has been a great effort to secure accuracy, and copious foot-notes, which are attached not only give credit for the sources of information, but also indicate how great the labor of preparation was.

## Inventions Not Invented.

Under the above head a daily contemporary says:

There is something very pathetic, it seems to us, in the account of the recent sale of "rejected models" by the Patent Office at Washington. Nearly 17,000 of these unsuccessful contrivances, it is stated, were put up at auction, like the flotsam and jetsam of numberless shipwrecks, and struck off to the highest bidders. They pertained to every branch of art and science, and represented an inconceivable expenditure of time and thought, of aspiration and patience. There were among them flying machines, perpetual-motion mills, and all manner of what Hood used to call "alchemical pranks;" and in their queer, extravagant and vertiginous suggestions were to be read whole volumes of cheating dreams, of hope forever deferred, of halcyon calculations that ended in bitterness and heartbreak. It would be difficult to conjecture a more impressive and pitiful illustration of the manner in which fortune balks and defeats endeavor, and ridicules so much of man's pride and ambition.

The average price realized for these 17,000 unperfected inventions was 5 cents apiece, hardly the value of the raw material for firewood and fish-hook sinkers. And yet in many instances, it may be safely believed, years upon years of energy were expended in seeking for the lucky combination which would not be found, and lacking which, all the rest was waste and mockery. Only a nickel to show for what may have been a lifetime of study, toil and self-sacrifice. It is a fortunate provision of nature that makes every would-be inventor a confirmed and unconditional optimist; otherwise men would soon cease their search after the secrets of things, knowing how likely it is that the cherished model will bring up at the auction-block and the junk shop, and be rated of no more worth than a frothy and passing mug of beer. Occasionally, to be sure, one of those baffled experimenters, worn out with disappointment and fatigue, gives it up and turns cynic and scoffer, but, as a rule, they persevere to the end, in spite of repeated failure, and die without relinquishing the notion that one more trial would have compassed success.

It is not to be expected that this auction sale of 17,000 rejected and superfluous models, significant as it is of the chances with which inventors have to contend, will check the inquiring spirit of our countrymen or reduce the number of those who are continually reaching forth for letters patent. Even those whose own lame and halting designs may have helped to make up the 17,000 souvenirs that went for 5 cents apiece will hardly be deterred from going on with their dreaming and concocting, hopeful as ever that they will hit it next time. The ordinary and uninvited observer cannot help admiring a confidence so ardently sunny, a loyalty to one's faith in one's self so absolute and

unconquerable. However absurd and futile it may be, tried by practical standards, it is still not without its virtuous aspect. The man who seeks with all his might to invent something—be it only a mouse-trap, a button-fastener or a new method of stopping a jug—is entitled to a certain respect for his earnestness and persistence, though we may be entirely satisfied that he is fooling away time that had much better be devoted to the manly art of raising corn and potatoes.

We cannot always know that what looks to be beyond invention is really a thing impossible. Too many cunning and confounding achievements have been wrought by the inventors, particularly of this country, to permit hasty judgment on any given scheme merely because it seems to the general eye chimerical and out of the question. We are enjoying too many advantages and conveniences resulting from victories of the inventive faculty to be justified in pooh-poohing further attempts in that direction on the sole ground that we cannot see how they are to be made successful. It must not be forgotten that it is still easy to remember when the grain-reaper, the sewing machine and the cylinder printing press were unknown and unguessed, and a prophecy of their coming in their present familiar and revolutionizing shapes would have been derided as the utmost stretch of a diseased imagination. The greatest of all modern forces, the railroad, is practically an invention, or a series of inventions, of the times in which we live—and even that, we know by later and separate wonders of ingenuity, did not exhaust the possibilities.

It becomes us, therefore, to exercise a wholesome self-restraint in the matter of disdaining or disparaging the inventions that are not yet invented, so to say. The spectacle of 17,000 useless models sold under the auctioneer's hammer at a nickel apiece is not a pleasant or triumphant one, of course, but, in another sense, it is proper to call it encouraging. The makers of models are not going to shrink back overcome and ashamed on account of this unique auction. More probably they will be spurred to closer and greater effort; and there is manifestly an abundance of them, or they could not have furnished so many as 17,000 models to be discarded, in addition to the other plentiful thousands that survived inspection and were declared patentable. They will move right on with their experiments and investigations, we may not doubt. There will be other and better models supplied. The missing links will be discovered in time, there is valid reason to apprehend, and we may be quite sure that among the things of heaven and earth that are not surmised in our daily philosophy, a great many will yet be made palpable to us in new surprises of inventive courage, skill and power. We can poorly afford, in the face of what has been done, to risk any definite predictions as to what may not still be done. It is better to wait and see. The inventors, like the rest of mankind, are entitled to a fair show. There is always another chance for other kinds of people, and they should have the same consideration. It will be time enough to laugh at their rejected models and discredit their postponed dreams when the models shall have ceased to be made and the dreams to be dreamed.

## The English Cutlery Exhibition.

The *Sheffield Telegraph* says: Those who recollect the Cutlery Exhibition of 1879 will call to mind that it was an exhibition by employers of highly-finished specimens of the cutler's art, in which the skill of the workmen was not to any very great extent recognized. The present exhibition appears to have been effected by the growing demand for education, and especially technical education, and so far as the distribution of awards is concerned, only workmen are recognized. The result of this policy has been that there is an absence from the exhibition of show-cases containing goods of great beauty and finish which characterized the exhibition of four years ago, with two exceptions, the case shown by Messrs. Clarke & Sons, of Sheffield, and that shown by Messrs. Mappin & Webb. In the latter may be seen a great variety of carving knives and forks in cases, suitable for wedding presents, and an assortment of general cutlery wares, pocket knives, sportsman's knives, fisherman's and settler's knives, picnic and champagne knives, cases of scissors in sets of from three to eight, and cases of lady's requisites, in a variety of materials including walnut wood, tortoiseshell, shark's skin, leather and mother-of-pearl. The general form of all these goods is too well known to need description.

It is perhaps the absence of any great number of attractive works of art which gives to the exhibition a certain flatness and poorness. From whatever cause, the visitors have been remarkably few in number. The exhibition is said not to have been sufficiently widely advertised, which is certainly a pity. One is not very greatly struck with the two wooden figures, indifferently clad in suits of armor of the time of the Protector, which in a manner may be said to guard the entrance to the hall, nor with the eccentric figure said to be a counterfeit presentation of a Japanese policeman, which meets the eye on entering. We venture to think that the delay in the publication of the awards must be peculiar to the city companies, for in connection with no other public bodies would it be tolerated. The London firms who are exhibitors of cutlery as distinct from their workmen are not more numerous than those from Sheffield. Messrs. Maw & Thompson are large exhibitors of surgical and dental appliances, which, as regards finish and workmanship, are certainly unsurpassed by anything in the exhibition. The Messrs. Wilkinson & Sons, of Pall Mall, sword makers, exhibit a case of arms, for the most part of regulation pattern, but containing, withal, a few very antique and curious weapons, representing such diverse nationalities as Egypt, Spain and India. It will be remembered that it was to the Messrs. Wilkinson that in 1879 was awarded the gold medal for excellence, while the freedom of the company was conferred upon Mr. John Latham, the chief partner of the firm. One side of the hall is enriched with screens, upon which are mounted suits of armor of old English and Indian workmanship, from the private collection of Mr. Latham, the Baron de Cosson, of Chertsey, Surrey, and

the Worshipful Company of Armors and Braziers. These are surrounded by swords, many of which, if old-fashioned, are of excellent workmanship, and some of which date back to the period when it was fashionable to use two hands in hewing a foe to pieces. The Baron de Cosson has a case also of rapiers, the hilts of which are of very curious and antique workmanship.

There are also some few non-competitive exhibitors from Sheffield connected with those trades which thrive and progress as the cutlery trade thrives and progresses. Of such is the carver of bone handles, and Mr. Edwin Brown shows some specimens of hawks and scales, polished and in the rough, in ox and horse bone, boxwood, ebony, rosewood, beech and barwood. Here may the uninitiated perceive how bone, indented by machinery and dyed, may be made to represent stag horn, and learn the various stages through which a haft passes before it becomes a polished and finished article. There is also a handsome stand containing the exhibits of Mr. F. W. Dover, of the Sycamore Tree Works, Rockingham street. These include bread plates and knives, butter coolers, cheese plates, biscuit boxes, crumb trays and brushes, teapot stands, egg trays, bread knives, &c. The goods are made of sycamore wood, and the carving alone is deserving of the attention of lovers of this form of art. Among other Sheffield exhibitors are Messrs. Francis Colley & Sons, who show a number of their leather driving bands, and a walrus hide for buffing table-knives, the value of which is estimated at £50; Mr. Wm. Godley, maker of dies for stamping blades; Mr. Henry Howe, Pond street, Sheffield, dealer in grindstones, who exhibits specimens of stones of various grit, including the Wick-orsley, Ackworth, Derbyshire and Thrybergh; Mr. Wm. Rowland, cutlery tools and requisites, and Mr. Chester, of West street, who has a few specimens of Indian, German and Ceylonese stag for hafting. There appears to have been some difficulty as to the awards of the judges, who were as follows: For surgical instruments; Mr. Perry, of Brighton; Dr. Stouter, London, and Mr. Krohne, of the firm of Krohne & Seelman. For general cutlery, Mr. Franz Pigall and Mr. Charles Plum, London, and Mr. Wing, Sheffield.

We give below a list of awards, so far as they are at present known. There are still a few cases left undecided in the department of general cutlery. The awards in the surgical instrument department are for the present reserved:

*Trade and Hunting Knife, &c., Mounters.*—1st prize (for hunting knives), Wm. Judge, Park, Sheffield; 1st prize (for trade knives), Joseph Brammer, Trafalgar lane, Sheffield; 2d prize, H. Crammer, Church street, Stoke-Newington. 1st prize, Robert Richards, Brunswick Square, London.

*Table Knife Grinders.*—1st prize, George Henry Marshall, 81 Burns road, Crooksmoor, Sheffield; 2d prize, Hugh Elliott, 21 Sherrington road, Highfield, Sheffield.

*Sword Grinders and Finishers.*—1st prize, G. Thurlie, Soho, London.

*Razor Forgers.*—1st prize, Walter Wilde, 9 Shepherd street, Shalesmoor, Sheffield.

*Razor Mounters.*—1st prize, Arthur Bingham, 3 Charlotte street, Sheffield.

*Trade Knife and Hunting Knife Grinders.*—1st prize, Walter Charles Harrop, 23 Fentonville street, Sheffield; 2d prize, William Mettam, Stratford; also to Alfred W. Turner, 55 Westfield Terrace, Sheffield.

*Trade and Hunting Knife Forgers.*—1st prize, William Judge, 127 South street, Park, Sheffield; 2d prize, James Gill, 4 Union Buildings, Bridge street, Sheffield; also to Charles Jowitt, apprentice, Plaistow; 3d prize, Henry Jovett, 8 Maude street, Plaistow.

*Artists' Knives.*—1st prize, Henry Vickers, London.

*Pocket and Pen Blade Grinders and Finishers.*—1st prize, Henry Johnson, Sheffield; 1st prize also to Henry Packard, pocket-knife grinder (from Messrs. Lockwood Bros.); 2d prize, George Innocent, 183 Broomhall street, Sheffield; 2d prize also to Frank Pilkington, 165 Channing street, Walkley; 3d prize, Frank Smart, 102 Bombay street, Sheffield.

*Spring Knife Cutters.*—1st prize not awarded; 2d prize, Joseph Heath, 17 Storm street, Lowfield, Sheffield; 3d prize, Jonathan Brammer, Monmouth street, Sheffield, for sportsman's knife; 3d prize also awarded to Jno. Wm. Coombs (Messrs. Lockwood Bros.), apprentice.

*Scales, Corkscrews, and Spring Forgers.*—1st prize, Joseph Hartley (Messrs. Lockwood Bros.); 2d prize, Stephen Jones, 7 Peel street, Broomhill, Sheffield; 3d prize, Thomas Pemberton, 16 Penn's road, Healey, Sheffield.

*Table Blade Forgers.*—1st prize, Henry Sanderson, 103 Fitzwilliam street, Sheffield; 2d prize not awarded; 3d prize, Henry Saunders, London.

*Pocket Blade Forgers.*—1st prize (apprentice class), Walter Wm. Gee, 178 Alderson road, Sheffield; 2d prize, William Trulove (from Messrs. Lockwood Bros.).

*Razor Grinders.*—1st prize, W. Bisbey, Clough Place, St. Mary's road, Sheffield; 2d prize, Samuel Sharp, 194 Barnsley road, Sheffield; 3d prize, Charles Kramm, Old street, Shoreditch; 3d prize, George Alfred Shaw, 571 Intake road, Sheffield (apprentice).

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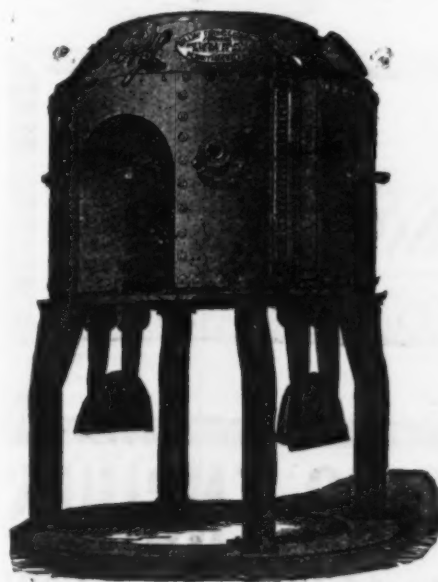
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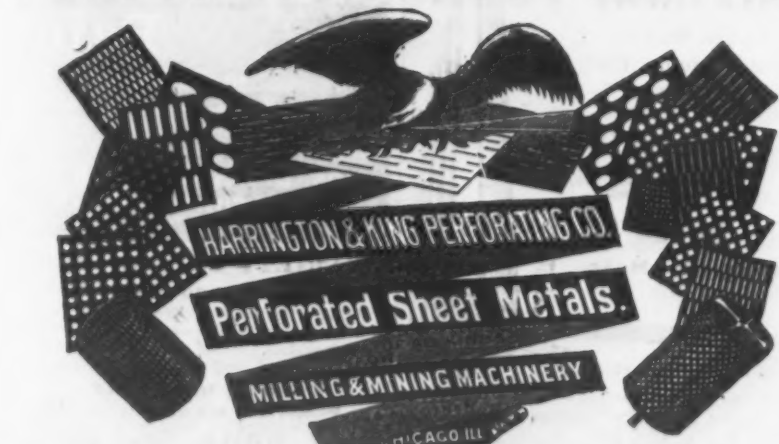
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## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

**PUMPS AND PUMPING MACHINERY.** By Frederick Colyer, C. E. Published by Messrs. E. & F. W. Spon, London. Size, 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches; 102 pages. Price, \$5.

Mr. Colyer's work on "Pumps and Pumping Machinery," a copy of which has just come to hand, will be found to possess features of considerable interest and value. Perhaps the best idea as to the scope of the work and the arrangement of the matter treated of is given by the author in his introduction to Chapter I. Mr. Colyer here states that he did not consider it necessary to enter into a history as to the first use of the ordinary pump, lift and force pumps of the usual type for domestic supply now being so well known that no notice need be taken of them. Descriptions of machinery at work, derived in most cases from his own practice and experience, are given, and where any data are submitted, especially as to the performance of machinery of any kind, it should be understood that they may be taken in all cases as good average results, and not mere experiments. Dimensions are also given of the leading apparatus connected with pumping machinery and plant, as well as various types of engines and boilers, to indicate to those who have not had much experience in this class of work what they should specify in stating their wants. It is probable that the work may prevent in future, to some extent, the issue of the crude specifications and drawings that are too often seen, especially as they place contractors who tender for the work in an unfair position. Where so much is left to their own ideas, it necessarily follows that the tenders are very wide as to price. At the present time, when the lowest tender is usually accepted, it is necessary to have all the details of a proposed work clearly defined, especially as to the leading dimensions and way of finishing the work. The subjects considered in the work are pumps of various kinds for water and other purposes, engines, boilers and general machinery connected with pumping and water supply. In the class of steam and other special kinds of pumps, only those that have stood the test of good work, and that have come within the author's practice, are noticed. Several engines, pumps, &c., of a large class are described in detail, to give an idea of the dimensions of good types of work, which will undoubtedly be of much service in determining the requisite proportions for kindred works. All dimensions and particulars of this kind are from actual examples of good work. In treating of water pumping for the supply of towns, the distribution of the water beyond the works is entered into but slightly, as this is not within the scope of the book. Air pumps for various purposes are described in detail, both for exhausting and for charging vessels with air under pressure. Blowing engines for steel and iron works are also treated of, and examples and data of working results are given. The work contains 23 plates illustrating the subjects considered, and it is here that we meet with a highly objectionable feature. As is the case with many works on technical subjects, and especially those of foreign authors, the illustrations constitute the last pages of the book, and the inconvenience and annoyance arising from this source need scarcely be pointed out. We think that with but little difficulty some other arrangement might have been adopted—one by means of which the objection referred to would have been avoided, and which, instead of detracting, would have added to the otherwise attractive character of the work.

**IRON ANALYSES RECORDS.** By J. M. Sherrerd, M. E. Published by William H. Young, Troy, N. Y.

The above, which we received a short time since, will doubtless meet with much favor among metallurgists and all others having occasion to analyze ores and pig iron. As the name of the book implies, it offers all necessary facilities for preserving such analyses for easy reference, and about one-half of the book is devoted to ore, and the remaining portion to pig iron. The first two pages, moreover, are occupied by a table of symbols of the different chemical elements and their atomic weights according to both the old and new systems.

**HOW TO MAKE PHOTOGRAPHS.** A Manual for Amateurs. By T. C. Roche, edited by H. T. Anthony. Published by E. & F. W. Spon & Co. Size, 5 x 7 1/2 inches; 91 pages. Price, 50 cents.

In spite of the fact that numerous manuals of this kind have already been published, we think that the amateur will find this little handbook exceedingly useful, since it fills a place not taken by any other work of a similar character. Mr. Roche is well known as one of the most skillful photographers in the United States, and amateurs are probably as greatly indebted to him for personal instruction as to any other operator in the land. He therefore has the advantage of knowing very well what the amateur needs. The work opens with a description of the apparatus, and the chapter on lenses and cameras is one which contains a great deal of instruction, and answers the question which puzzles amateurs quite as much as any other, namely, What is the best lens for me to use? Illustrations are freely used throughout the work, and we notice that the novel camera especially designed for amateurs' use is very completely illustrated. Taken altogether, this seems to be the most desirable instrument that has yet been devised for the amateur, taking, as it does, pictures either vertical or horizontal, folding into an exceedingly small space, and having all the adjustments which the amateur is likely to need. The frontispiece consists of an instantaneous view of Broadway, printed on Anthony's gloss, rapid printing paper. Taken as a whole, this print is a marvel. Its beautiful, engraving-like tone and glossy surface, with the remarkable detail, both in the high lights and the shadows, all combine to render the picture a striking one. The figures on the foreground are rather more than a inch in height. The hour of the day is near noon, when the street is crowded with traffic. The paper itself seems to be as near perfection as is possible, and is a remarkable advance on anything which has been seen before in this country for photographic work. The closing illustration is an ordinary photograph 3 1/4 by

4 inches, taken by a lady with one of Anthony's \$10 outfits. It is a surprisingly good plate, and interesting as showing how good work can be done with a comparatively small outfit for apparatus.

### The California Through Freight Rate Agreement.

The following is the full text of the agreement recently made between the Trunk Line Committee and the representatives of the Pacific roads, regarding the maintenance of rates on California traffic:

That the full established rates, tariff or contract, as the case may be, shall be maintained by all lines for all California business, both east-bound and west-bound, and that in case the commissioner of the Eastern trunk lines is satisfied that the thorough rates are cut via any line, upon request from him the companies parties to this agreement will use all legitimate means to enforce the maintenance of established rates. It is understood that the steamer lines from New Orleans and Galveston may issue insured bills of lading at the same through rates as those made by the all-rail lines, but that no allowance shall be made shippers or consignees on account of insurance. All lines shall promptly furnish said commissioner with copies of their way bills for all their business covered by this agreement, and shall give any additional information or reports regarding said business that may be desired by the commissioner. This agreement shall take effect Monday, June 18, 1883, and remain in force until December 31, 1883.

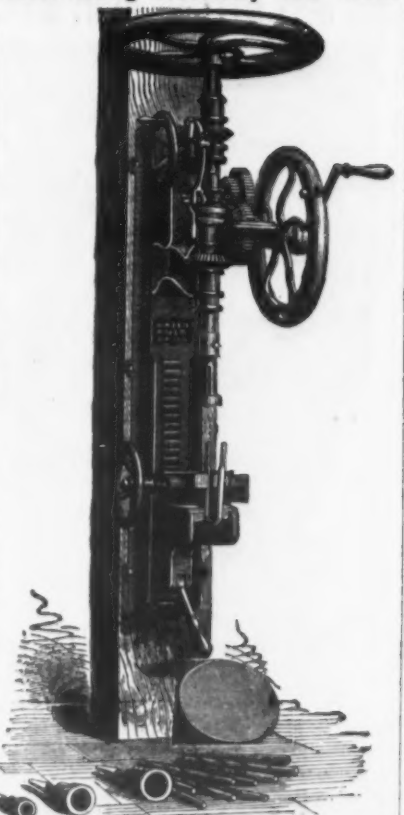
Assistant Commissioner Guilford, in submitting the above agreement to the general managers of the various Western roads interested in this business, makes the following explanation:

"It became necessary to make this agreement, as the competition of the New Orleans route, which had been making whatever rates it pleased, threatened to monopolize the whole of the California business and take it away from the trunk lines and the Western roads. We are now pledged to the New Orleans and Galveston routes to see that the all-rail rates are maintained, as they will not be bound by the agreement if this is not done. Therefore we have to request all our Western connections, in whose interests the trunk lines have acted, to strictly maintain the established rates on all California business. Will you kindly inform me whether you will do so? We understand that there have been some competitive struggles for this business between your road and other Western roads. As far as the trunk lines can protect their various connections and remove all motive for rate-cutting, they will be glad to do so, and if you will inform us of your views and wishes in this matter, we shall use our best endeavors to conform to the same."

This plan shows that the trunk lines have become somewhat alarmed over the threats made by the Iowa lines that they do not mean to submit to the agreement unless a more equitable division of rates on California through business is made. Under the present arrangement, owing to the low contract rates made by the Central Pacific with those shippers who pledge themselves to ship exclusively by all rail, the remuneration of the Iowa lines for their share of the business barely covers the cost, and the latter lines seem to be determined to bring this matter to an issue, and will not be content with the "taffy" offered them by Assistant Commissioner Guilford. The Iowa lines are still of the opinion that the contract system injures everybody except the Pacific Road, and that it should be abolished and equal rates given to all shippers, whether they make contracts or not.

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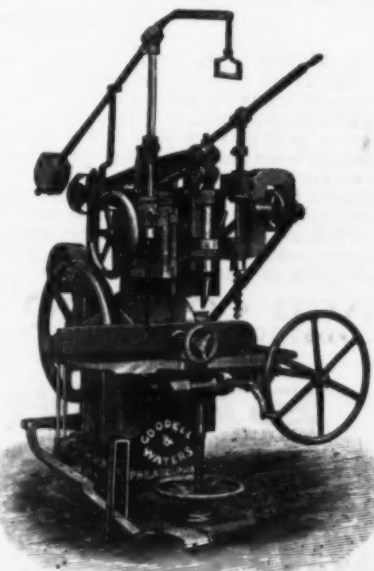
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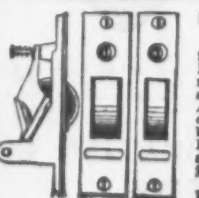
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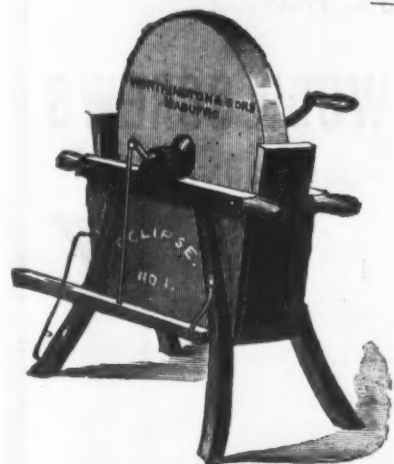
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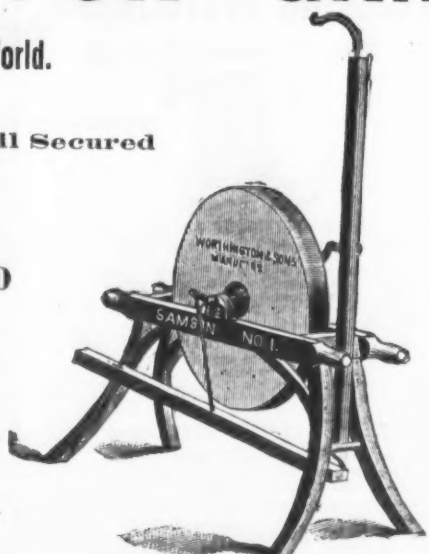


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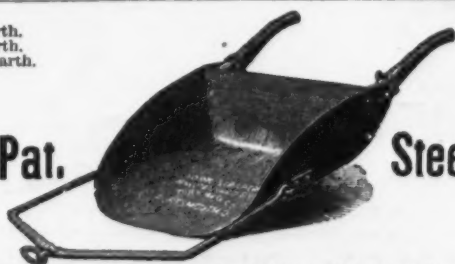
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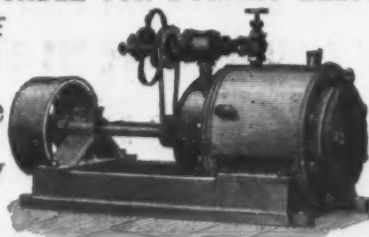
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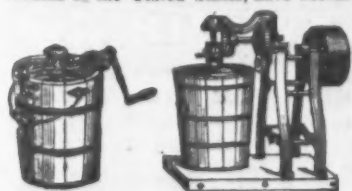
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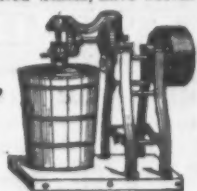
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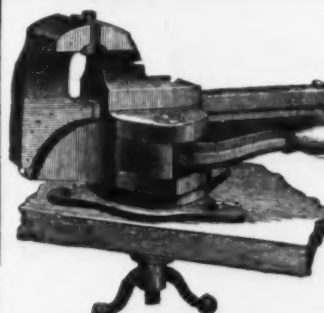
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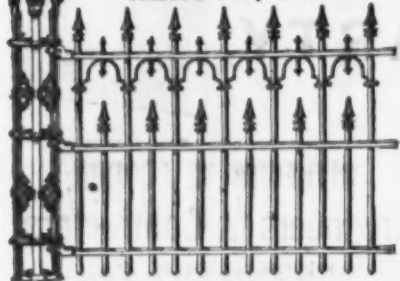
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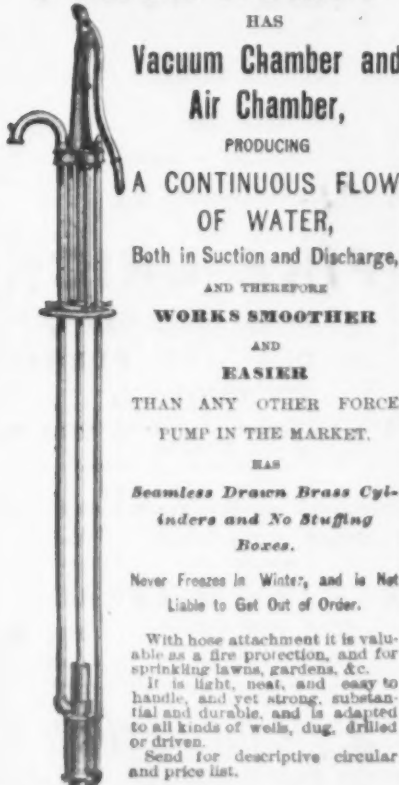
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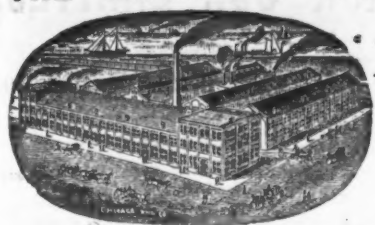
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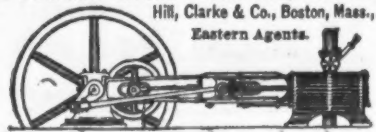
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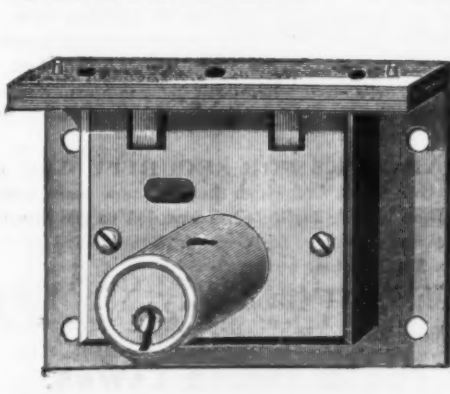
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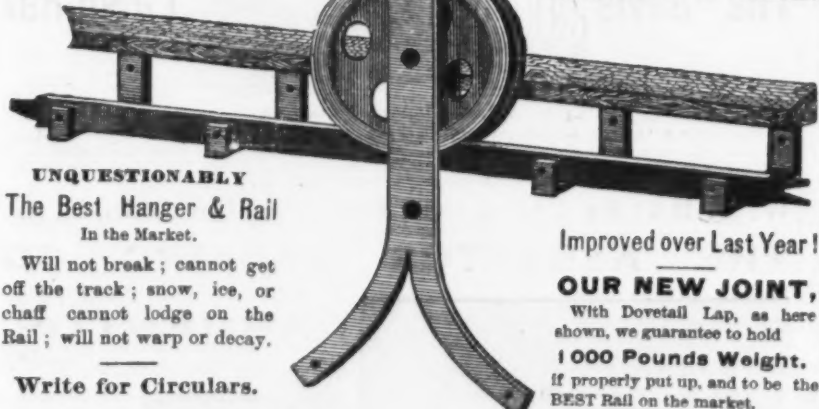


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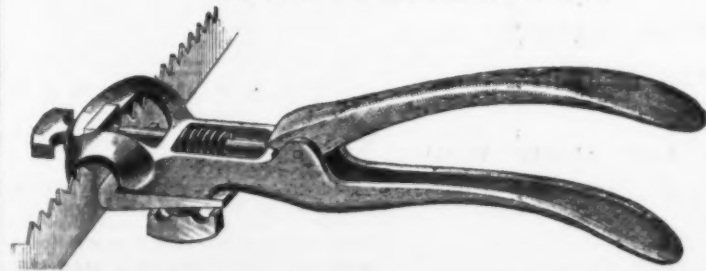
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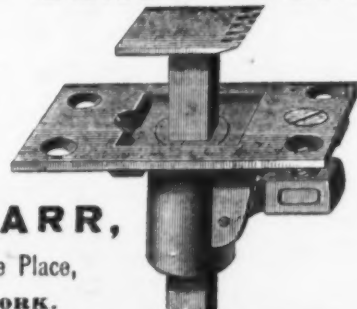


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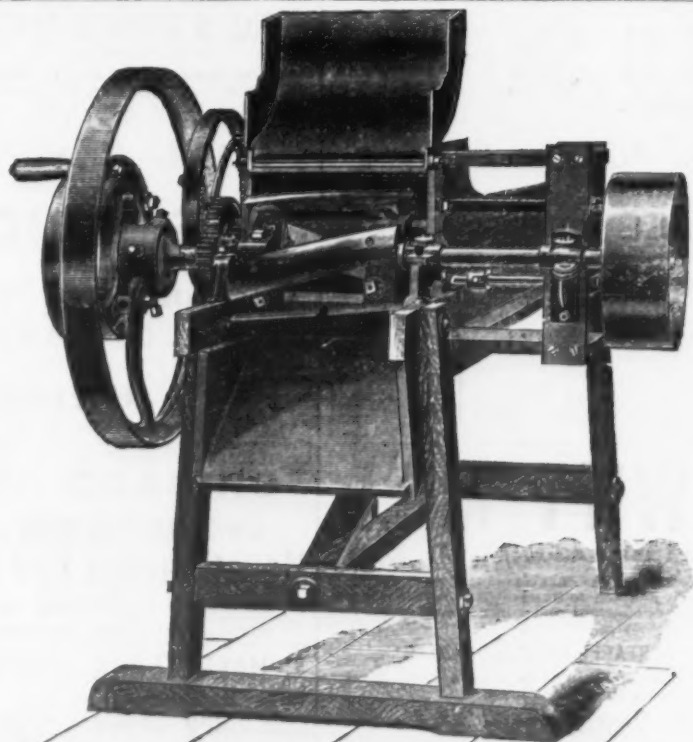
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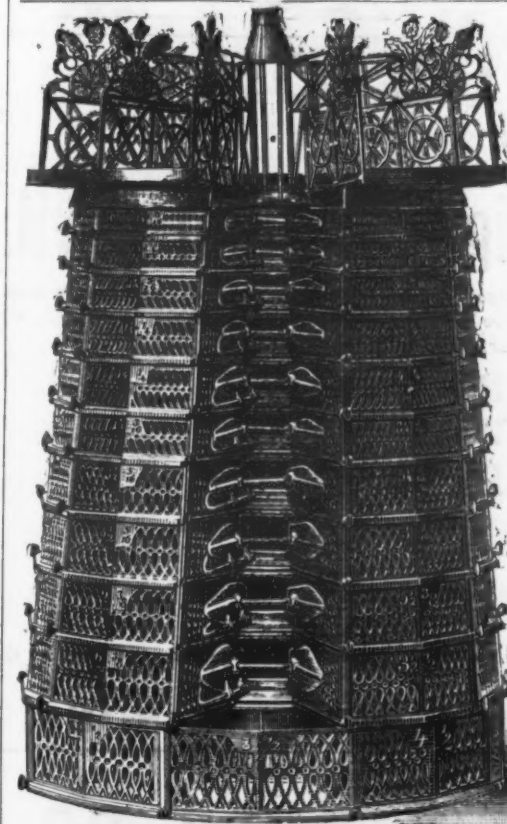
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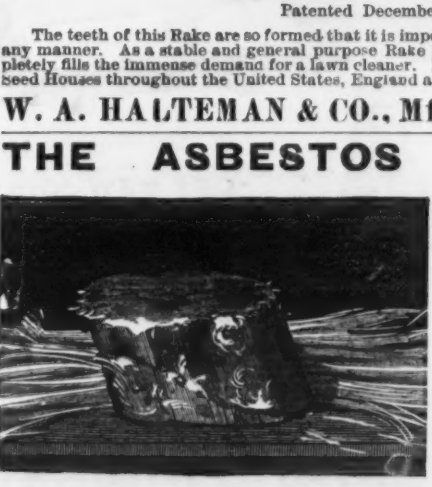
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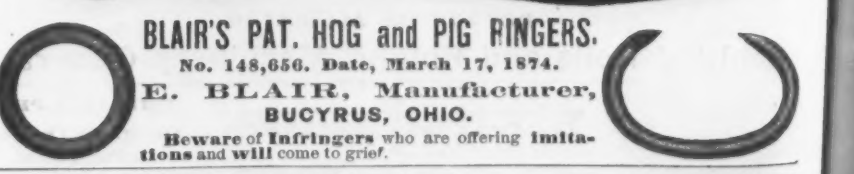
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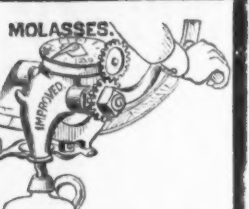
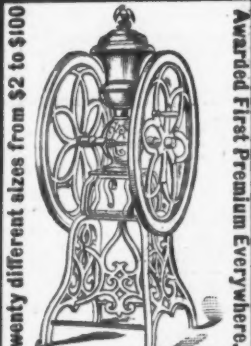


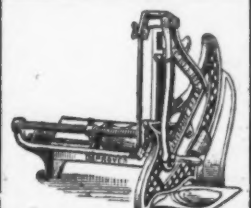
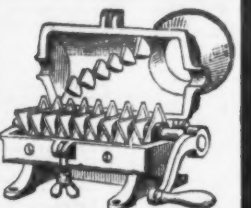

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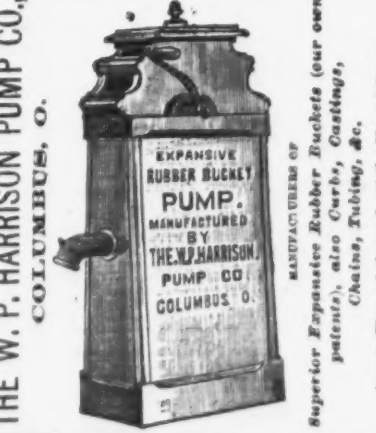
  
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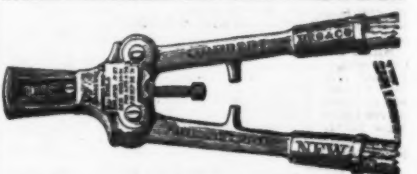
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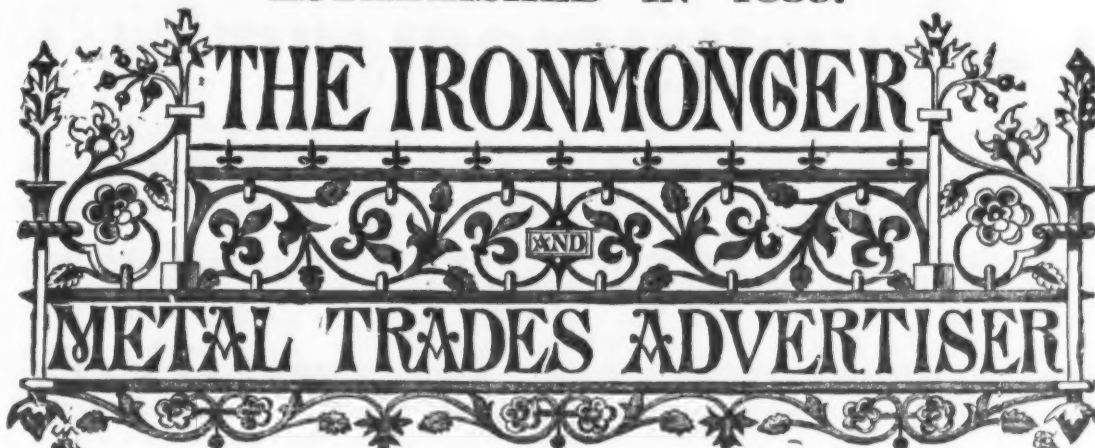
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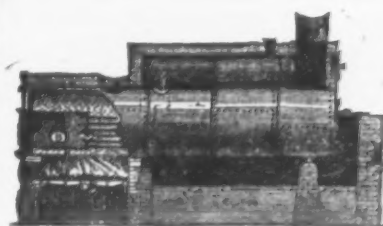
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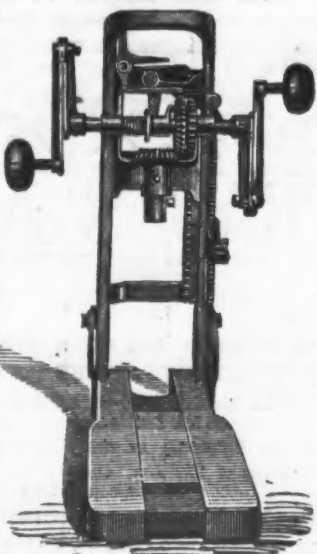
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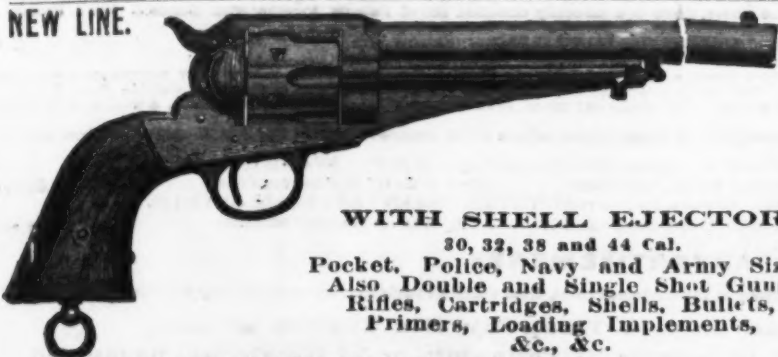


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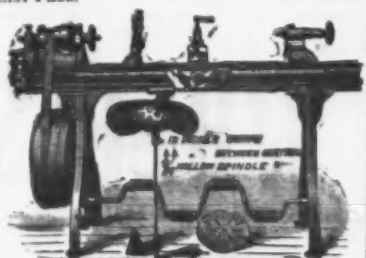
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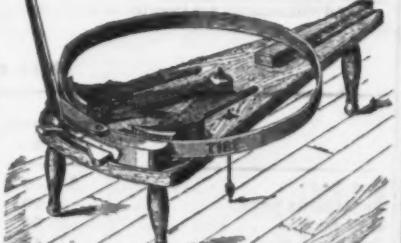
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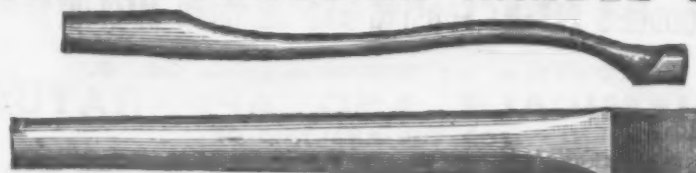
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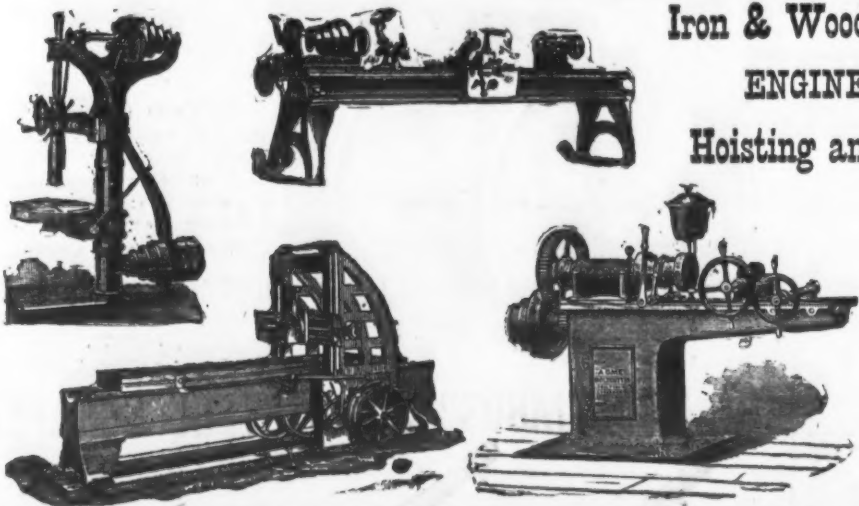
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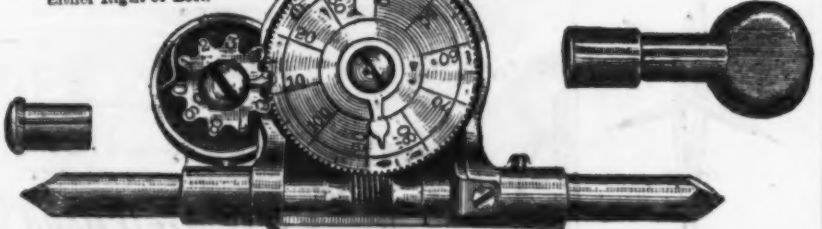
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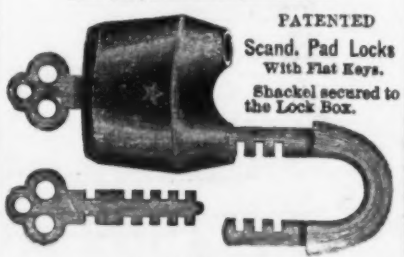
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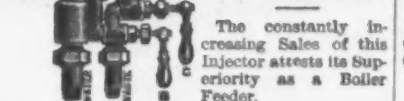
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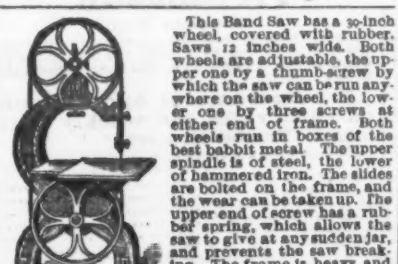


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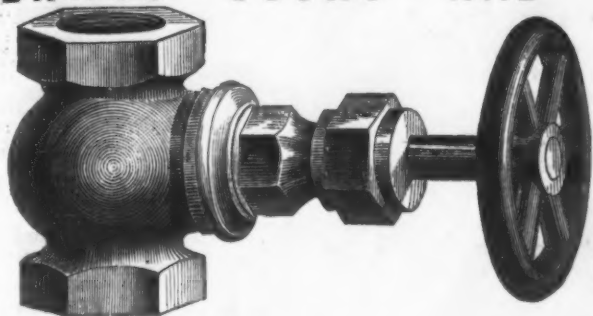
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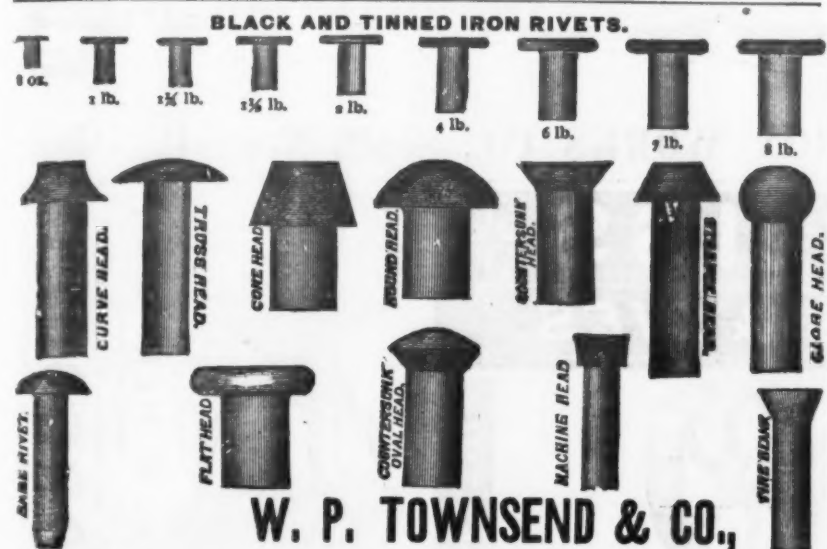
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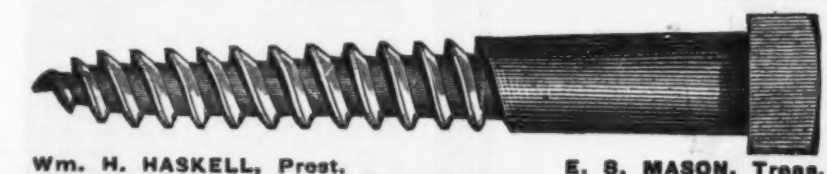


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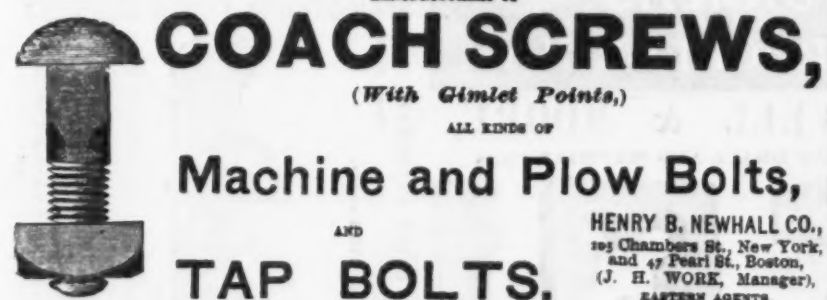
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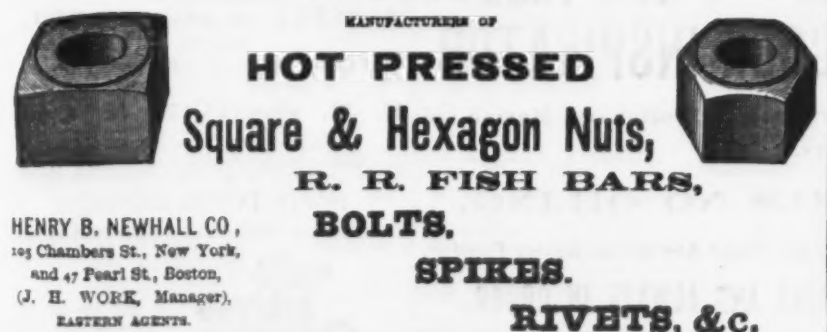
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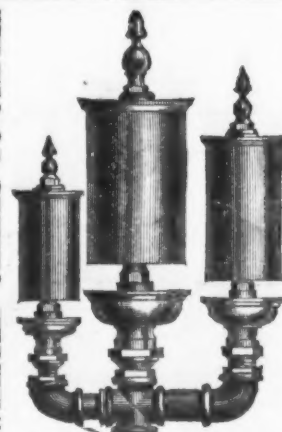


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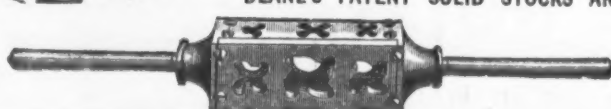
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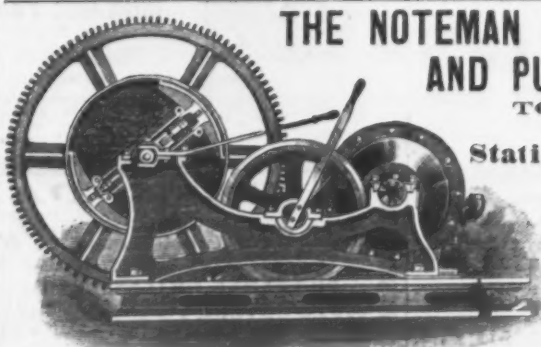
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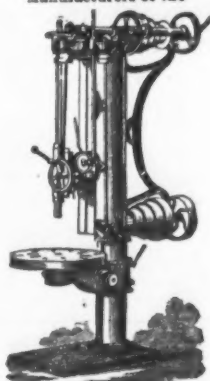
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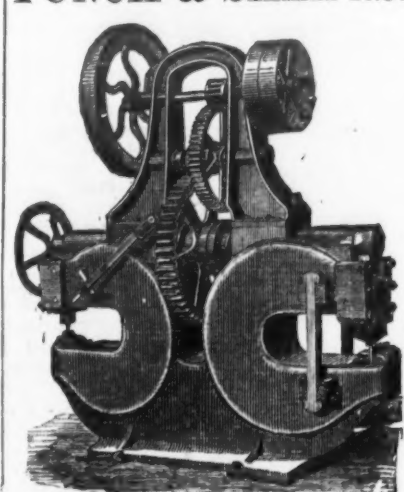
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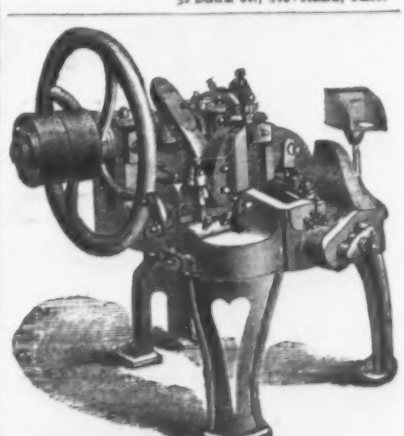


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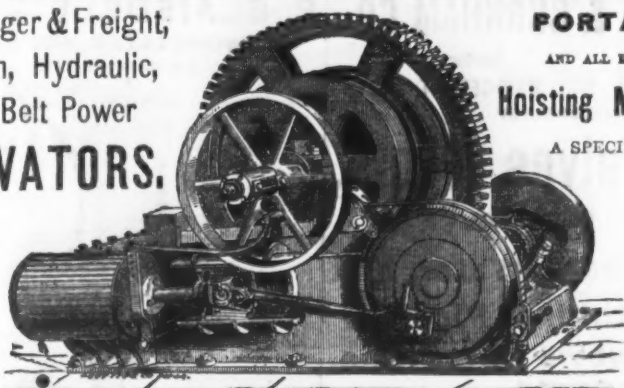
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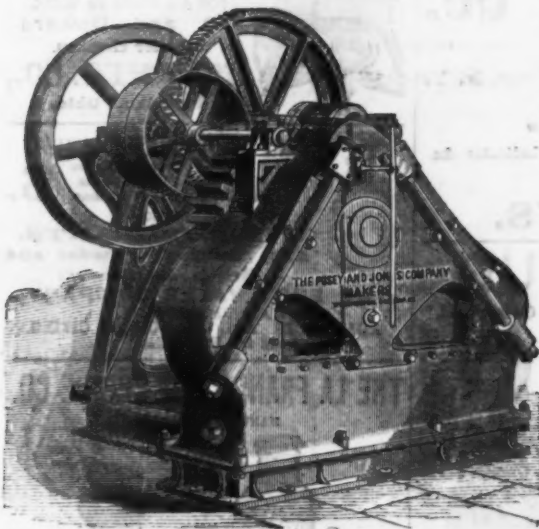
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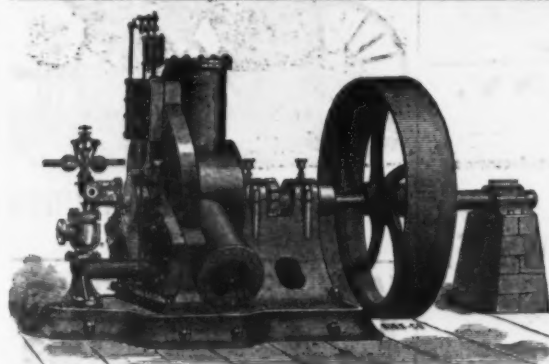
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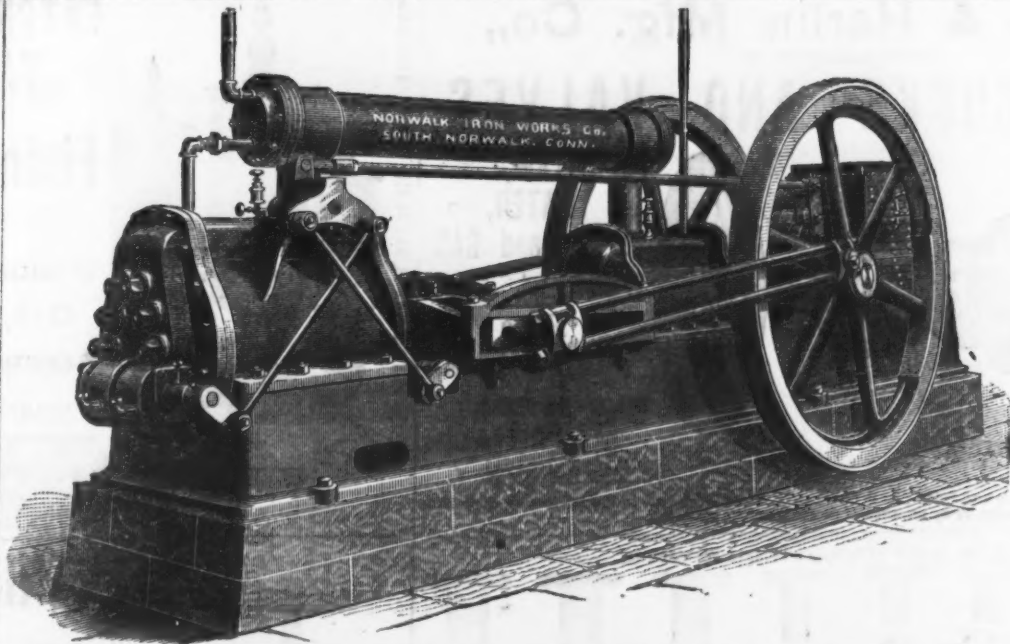
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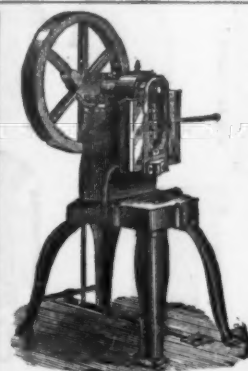
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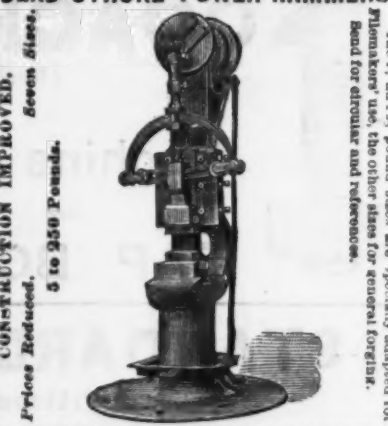
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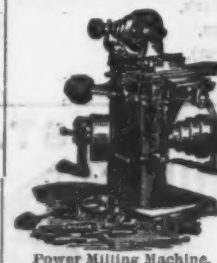
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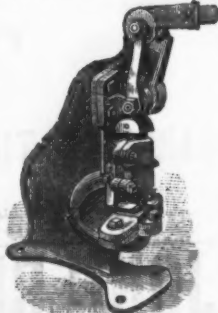


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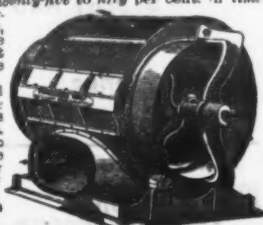
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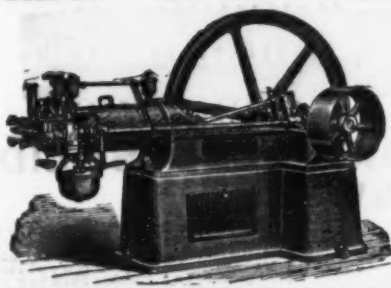
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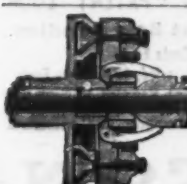
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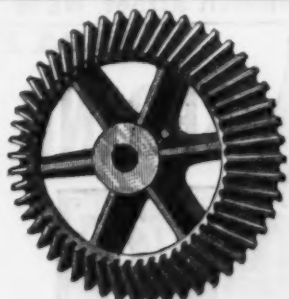


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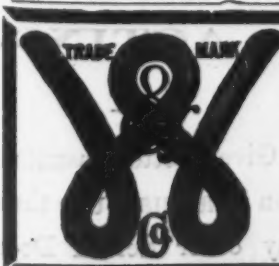
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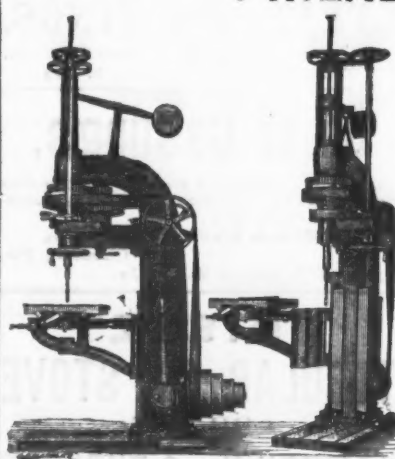
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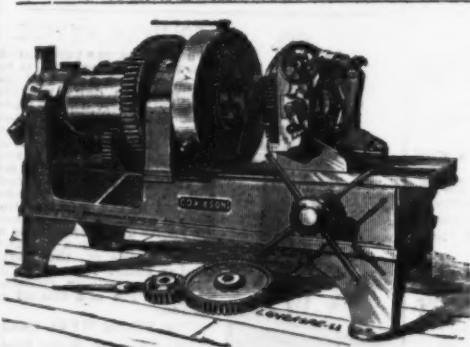
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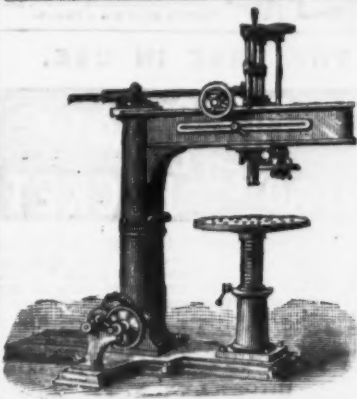
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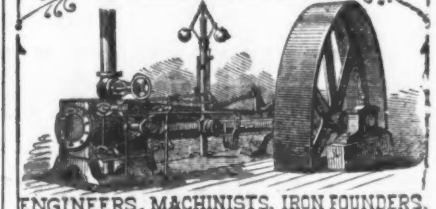
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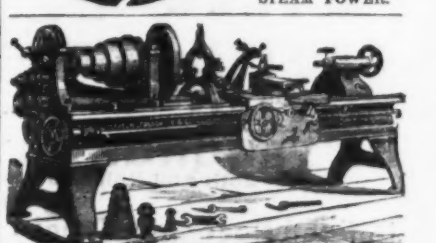
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